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SUMMARY.

The Germans are reported to be ready to make a great offensive on the western front.

There is growing artillery activity from Ypres to the La Bassee Canal. This is believed to herald the offensive.

Special attention is being paid to the communications, with a view to throwing in reserves swiftly.

German officers are enthusiastic, but the men, it is said, appear indifferent.

The enemy counter-attacked at Hartmann's Weilerkopf (Alsace), but the French continued their progress on the right.

The battle is regarded as important, as the Germans are said to have prepared for the offensive for some time.

It is reported that General von Mackensen is in command in Alsace.

Swiss reports indicate that the Germans have been heavily reinforced.

The Amsterdam "Telegraaf" states that the recent demonstrations in Germany were more serious than were at first revealed.

The German Emperor is suffering from cellular inflammation, and is compelled to remain indoors.

It is reported that a sensation was caused in Hamburg by a rumour of a raid by an Allied air fleet.

The raid has not occurred, but the people continue panic-stricken, and fear to go out after sunset.

The German Humanity League, in a Christmas manifesto, appeals to Germans to end the war.

The Servians are occupying lines in various parts of Albania.

They have also connected up with the Italian expedition.

The Servians engaged the Bulgarians eastward of El Bassan, where a battle has been raging for the past three days.

Heavy guns have been brought by the Bulgarians from Varna to be utilised at the Strumnitza base.

One hundred and twenty thousand troops are assembled there. They expect to be able to attack the Allies when they have 180,000 men.

It is reported from Athens that Austrian artillery is approaching Greece.

A statement is attributed to Germany that Salonica will be reached by January 15.

The statement has created an acute crisis in Athens.

British troops are landing uninterruptedly at Salonica.

Monastir is famine-stricken. Thousands are without bread, and there is no prospect of their getting any.

The Mussulman poor are the worst sufferers. Deaths from starvation occur daily.

Berlin correspondents admit that the Austro-Germans are experiencing the greatest difficulties in Montenegro.

Mouzi Bey, brother of Enver Bey, states that the Turks will attack the Suez Canal towards the end of January.

The British casualties in the Dardanelles to the 11th instant were 4915 officers and 108,000 men.

There were also 96,683 sick who were sent to the hospitals.

The Rome "Messaggero" states that two of the allied submarines captured an Austrian submarine.

The allied warships sank a convoy of Arab ships full of troops off the Yemen coast.

An Italian destroyer sank an Austrian ship laden with arms in the Adriatic.

The Christmas rush to Sydney from the country this year has been very heavy.

The city streets were thronged on Christmas Eve, but the crowds were very orderly.

At the Sydney Hospital last night the wards were decorated, special attention being paid to the children's ward.

The Benevolent Society distributed Christmas cheer to 1850 people during the last two days.

This number shows a considerable increase over the number of poor who applied last year.

The new pure food regulations, issued by the Board of Health, prescribe in some directions sweeping changes.

The military are still awaiting advices from the War Office as to the organisation of the new army of 50,000.

It is thought likely that the force will consist of nine infantry brigades or 36 battalions.

The State Commandant has made an urgent appeal for field glasses for the military forces.

Field glasses, he points out, are a necessity at the front next to rifles and guns.

Sportsmen, in particular, are appealed to. Military officers will attend at the Randwick races on Monday.

A large number of wounded and sick will arrive to-day from the front. The disembarkation takes place at 9.30 a.m.

The 127th list of casualties, issued last night, contains the names of two officers and 47 men killed in action.

Three officers and 86 more men have been wounded, and there are 228 fresh cases of sickness.

The German prisoner who escaped from Holsworthy was recaptured yesterday, and will be returned to the concentration camp.

The strike of coke-workers on the South Coast is causing much concern in the district.

Representatives of both sides conferred in Sydney. A straight-out proposal of 10/ per day was made by the masters.

The Fourth taken over by the Federal Government at Darwin have been practically closed owing to a strike.

The matter is to be referred to the Federal Arbitration Court, and evidence will be taken in situ.

A funeral service was held at the Pitt-street Congregational Church in connection with the death of the Rev. G. Campbell.

At the graveside at Rookwood the burial service was conducted by Dr. Roseby, assisted by the Rev. H. Rollinson.

Arrangements have been made with the Sydney Ferries to extend their Athol and Clifton Gardens service to Nielsen Park.

The service is regarded as the beginning of what it is hoped will become a great south shore ferry service.

The most important sale of city property since the outbreak of the war was reported yesterday.

The Driffield Lane parcel of the Sydney Arcade property, at the corner of King and George streets, was sold for £112,500.

The conference between the War Council and the Minister for Defence has cleared the way for a vigorous recruiting campaign.

The strength of the "Kangaroos" has been increased to 214.

The contingent is to be divided into two sections at Mittagong, each section taking a different route.

The Postmaster-General met a deputation at Rose Bay to discuss the question of a local post-office.

Mr. Webster said he was considering an offer to provide a post-office in a suitable position.

Mr. J. E. Carne, F.G.S., Assistant Government Geologist, has been appointed Government Geologist in succession to Mr. Pittman.

The north-west recruits, 125 strong, arrived at Aberdeen yesterday, and were accorded an enthusiastic reception.

News was received in Sydney yesterday by the steamer Morinda of a serious tribal fight on Yule Island, Papua.

There was a final flutter in the dairy section of Sussex-street yesterday.

Butter was unchanged at 149/4 per cwt. Eggs were generally quoted at the previous day's rates.

In the forage and grain market there was a strong demand for potatoes and onions.

In the fruit market there was a good demand for cherries, and prices slightly advanced.

Forecast: Sultry and unsettled weather setting in over inland districts, and extending generally over the State, with some good rains.

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ALLUM, A. A.
EVERILL, H. D. (died in hospital).
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Dark, dark is the night; I hear the cry of my soul—
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Go where the battles roll!
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THE NORTH COAST STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED. (Bars and Weather Permitting.) FROM SUSSEX-STREET. BYRON BAY.—WOLLONGBAR, TUESDAY, 10 p.m., via Newcastle. COFF'S HARBOUR.—See below. RICHMOND RIVER.—BRUNDAH, TUESDAY, 9.30 p.m. CLARENCE RIVER.—KYOGLE, THIS DAY, 9.30 p.m. MACLEAY RIVER.—YULGILBAR, TUESDAY, 5 p.m. BELLINGER RIVER.—TAMBAR, TUESDAY, 9.30 p.m. MANNING RIVER.—MAIANBAR, TUESDAY, 9.30 p.m., via Newcastle. NAMBUCCA RIVER.—NERONG, TUESDAY, 5 p.m., via Newcastle. FROM DRUITT-STREET. COFF'S HARBOUR.—NOOREBAR, WEDNESDAY, 7.30 a.m. Also see above. TWEED RIVER.—COOLEBAR, TUESDAY, 5 p.m. (direct, without transhipment). Cargo only. Passengers' Office and Tourist Bureau, 261 George-street. Tel., 6712. TOURIST GUIDE BOOK, PRICE 1/; POSTED, 1/1. ROBERT A. BELL, Managing Director. Head Office, Tel., City 6866.

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MATARAM	C. W. BIBBING	FEB. 1
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FROM FEDERAL WHARF. FOR SOLOMON ISLDS. and SHORTLAND ISLDS. — S.S. MINDINI, on TUESDAY, 4th January, 1916, at noon. CARGO RECEIVED ON THURSDAY NEXT, 30th, AND FRIDAY, 31st DECEMBER. Space for all Special and Deck Cargo such as Boats, Timber, Live Stock, Benzine, etc., must be reserved in advance at, and Shipping Order obtained from BURNS, PHILP, and CO., Ltd.

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FROM FEDERAL WHARF. FOR RABAUL and MADANG. — S.S. MATUNGA, on FRIDAY, 7th JANUARY, 1916, at Noon. CARGO RECEIVED ON TUESDAY, 4th, WEDNESDAY, 5th, and UP TILL NOON ON THURSDAY, 6th JANUARY. Space for all Special and Deck Cargo such as Boats, Timber, Live Stock, Benzine, etc., must be reserved in advance at, and Shipping Order obtained from BURNS, PHILP, and CO., Ltd., 9 Bridge-street.

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FOR MELBOURNE.

RUPARA	Friday, Dec. 31	4 p.m.
PARINGA	Friday, Jan. 7	4 p.m.

FOR BRISBANE, MACKAY, TOWNSVILLE, AND CAIRNS. Transhipping to all other Queensland Ports.

MORIALTA	Friday, Dec. 31	4 p.m.
RUPARA	Saturday, Jan. 8	12 noon
PARINGA	Saturday, Jan. 15	12 noon
INNAMINCKA	Saturday, Jan. 22	12 noon

First and Second Class Tickets are interchangeable after first port of call with other Interstate Companies subject to conditions ascertainable at the Company's Offices. G. S. YUILL AND CO., LTD., Agents, 6 Bridge-street. Telephones: City 9520, 9521, 9522, 9523.

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THE NEWCASTLE AND HUNTER RIVER STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED, SYDNEY. TIME-TABLE—CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR. 1915—1916.

STEAM TO AND FROM SYDNEY AND NEWCASTLE.

1915. December.	From Sydney.	From Newcastle.
This night	Newcastle, 12.0	Hunter, 12.0
Mon., 27th	Hunter, 12.0 / Namoi, 12.0	Newcastle, 12.0
Tues., 28th	Newcastle, 11.15	Hunter, 11.30
Wed., 29th	Hunter, 11.15	Newcastle, 11.30
Thur., 30th	Newcastle, 11.15	Hunter, 11.30
Fri., 31st	Hunter, 11.30	Newcastle, 11.30
1916. January.		
Sat., 1st	Namoi, 12.0	Hunter, 12.0
Sun., 2nd	Newcastle, 12.0	Namoi, 12.0
Mon., 3rd	Hunter, 11.15	Newcastle, 11.30
Tues., 4th	Newcastle, 11.15	Hunter, 11.30

HOLIDAY RATES OF PASSAGE MONEY. RETURN TICKETS will be issued from 19th to 31st December, inclusive, available for two months from date of issue:—First Saloon, Return, 8/; First Saloon, Single, 6/; Berth in Deck Cabin, 2/ extra each way. Second Saloon, Return, 6/; Second Saloon, Single, 3/6.

STEAM TO PORT STEPHENS. S.S. NEWCASTLE, THIS NIGHT, at 12, via Newcastle, en route to Nelson's Bay, 27th.

HAWKESBURY RIVER EXCURSIONS. BOXING DAY MORNING, AT 10. S.S. HUNTER and S.S. NAMOI, to Cowan Bay, landing Excursionists, and arriving in Sydney on return about 6. Fare 3/.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 28th DECEMBER. S.S. NEWCASTLE, to Broken Bay, at 2. 2/. FARE 2/.

Copies of Holiday Time-table on application Government Tourist Bureau, Moore-street, or at Company's Offices. Wharf, foot of King-street. W. N. CUTHBERTSON, General Manager.

NAROOMA. FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS. THIS BEAUTY SPOT on the SOUTH COAST may be reached by the steamer MERIMBULA to BERMAGUI, and thence by motor car. For particulars apply to THE ILLAWARRA AND SOUTH COAST S.N. CO., Ltd., Day-street, Sydney. Telephones, City 9972 (Three Lines).

THE ILLAWARRA AND SOUTH COAST STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED. (Weather Permitting.) WOLLONGONG.—WEDNESDAY. PORT KEMBLA.—WEDNESDAY. KIAMA.—WEDNESDAY. BERRY.—WEDNESDAY. NOWRA, GREENWELL POINT.—WEDNESDAY. JERVIS BAY, NAVAL COLLEGE.—WEDNESDAY. HUSKISSON.—Early. ULLADULLA.—THURSDAY. BATEMAN'S BAY, NELLIGEN.—THURSDAY. MORUYA.—WEDNESDAY. NAROOMA, WAGONGA.—Early. BERMAGUI, TATHRA, MERIMBULA, EDEN.—S.S. MERIMBULA, TUESDAY, 10 a.m. Cargo will not be received after 4 p.m. To ensure shipment cargo should be down two hours before sailing. D. J. M. [illegible], General Manager. Wharves and Offices, 57-61 Day-street, foot of Market-street. Telephones: City 9972 (three lines).

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Department of Navigation, Customs-house, 22nd December, 1915. TENDERS FOR LEASE OF PUBLIC WHARF, CANAL-STREET (LATE RICKETTY-STREET), SHEA'S CREEK, ALEXANDRIA. TENDERS will be received at the office of the Department of Navigation, Customs-house, Sydney, up to 3 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, 19th January, 1916, from persons desirous of Leasing the Public Wharf at Canal-street (late Ricketty-street), Shea's Creek, for a period of three (3) years. Any repairs to the wharf considered necessary by the Department of Public Works will be effected prior to the commencement of the lease. Tenders are to be accompanied by a deposit of five pounds (£5), and to be endorsed "Tender for Lease of Canal-street (late Ricketty-street) Wharf." Further particulars may be obtained at the office of the Department of Navigation, Customs-house, Sydney. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. By order of the Superintendent, JOHN S. D'ARCY, Secretary. (2016)

Commonwealth Naval Dockyard, Cockatoo Island, Sydney, N.S. Wales. TENDERS FOR CLUTCH FOR MOTOR LAUNCH. TENDERS are invited for the Supply of ONE CLUTCH for MOTOR LAUNCH, suitable for transmitting 110 B.H.P. when running at 500 revolutions per minute, particulars of which can be obtained on application to the Secretary, Naval Board, Melbourne, or the General Manager, Commonwealth Naval Dockyard, Sydney. Tenders will close at noon on the 10th JANUARY, 1916, and should be addressed to the General Manager, Commonwealth Naval Dockyard, Cockatoo Island, Sydney, N.S.W. The lowest or any Tender not necessarily accepted. J. J. KING-SALTER, General Manager.

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MUNICIPALITY OF WOLLONGONG. TENDERS, ELECTRIC LIGHTING PLANT. EXTENSION OF TIME. Attention of intending Tenderers is invited to the fact that, owing to the intervention of Christmas Holidays, the time for receipt of Tenders for Electric Lighting Plant, as advertised in this paper of 8th and 11th instant, has been EXTENDED to FRIDAY, 14th January, 1916, at 4 o'clock p.m. CHAS. M. REEVES, Town Clerk. Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Wollongong, December 23, 1915.

MORNING STAR GOLD MINES, NO LIABILITY.—TENDERS are invited for sinking the Main Shaft (16ft 6in x 4ft 6in) at the above Mine a depth of 300ft. Specification and Conditions of Contract may be inspected at the Registered Office of the Company, 60 Queen-street, Melbourne, or at the Mine, Wood's Point. Tenders returnable up to 12 noon on SATURDAY, 15th JANUARY, 1916. GEO. E. DICKINSON, Legal Manager. 60 Queen-street, Melbourne.

TENDERS for the following will be received at the Stores' Supply Department, 15 Young-street, Sydney, up to 5 p.m. on the undermentioned dates:— 29th DECEMBER, 1915. WASHING TOWELS. Tender forms and further particulars may be obtained on application to the Stores' Supply Department. 5th JANUARY, 1916. WRITING PAPERS, PRINTING PAPERS. 12th JANUARY, 1916. BOOKBINDERS' SUNDRIES. Tender forms and further particulars may be obtained on application at the Government Printing Office. A. HERCKELMAN, Executive Member, Stores Supply Committee.

Department of Agriculture, Sydney, December 15, 1915. TENDERS will be received at this Department until JANUARY 5, 1916, for the undermentioned WORKS at the Experiment Farm, Wagga:— ERECTION OF COTTAGE. REPAIRS TO RESIDENCE. Separate tenders should be given for either or both jobs, and the envelopes containing such tenders should be clearly marked to show the work quoted for. Plans and specifications may be inspected on application to the Clerk of Petty Sessions, Wagga; Manager, Experiment Farm, Wagga; or the undersigned. The highest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted. GEORGE VALDER, Under-Secretary and Director.

TO BUILDERS. TENDERS will be received by me up to SATURDAY, 8th JANUARY, 1916, for the ERECTION of HOTEL PREMISES, at WOLLONGONG. Plans and Specifications obtainable at my office, Crown-street, Wollongong, or at the office of BUILDING, LTD., 17 Grosvenor-street, Sydney. J. A. FORD, Architect.

TENDERS are invited for Painting, Renovations, and Alteration to 174 to 180 Forbes-street, city. Tenders close WEDNESDAY, 29th DECEMBER, 1915, at noon. Plans and Specifications now ready. DONALD ESPLIN, Architect, Lombard-chambers, 107 Pitt-street, Sydney.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT. TENDERS FOR LIQUID OIL FUEL. ALTERNATIVE TENDERS, addressed to the Chairman, Western Australian Government Tender Board, Murray-street, Perth, W.A., will be received up to 2.30 p.m. on THURSDAY, 6th JANUARY, 1916, for the Supply of LIQUID OIL FUEL suitable for Diesel Motor Engines, for a period of three or five years. Supplies are to be given at Fremantle, Wyndham, and London, as may be required. Delivery to be made at Contractor's tank, "In Bond." The total approximate requirements at the three ports is 3000 tons per annum. Payment cash on delivery. Tenders can be for one or more of the ports specified. Tenderers must state full conditions under which they will supply, with provision for the cancellation of the contract in the event of the engines for which the fuel is required passing out of the control of the Government. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. JAS. THOMPSON, Chairman, W.A. Government Tender Board.

PLANS prepared from 10/6. DENNING, Architect, 102 Rawson-chbs., near Railway. Tel., City 8868.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

INTERSTATE HOLIDAY EXCURSION FARES.

Holiday Excursion Tickets will be issued to the principal Victorian, South Australian, and Queensland Stations until SATURDAY, January 1, inclusive.

These Tickets will have a coupon attached to the forward journey ticket, and coupon must be exchanged for a single ticket on the day of commencing the return journey, within two months from date of issue.

CHEAP EXCURSION TICKETS.

In addition to the usual Cheap Excursions, Special Excursions and Week-end Tickets issued on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, as shown on Pages 8 to 18 of Current Time Table Book, the following arrangements will be made, viz.:—

Cheap Excursion Tickets at 2½d per mile First-class return and 1½d per mile Second-class return, will be issued by the undermentioned Down Trains to and from all Stations at which the trains are shown to call.

Special Excursion Tickets at 2d per mile First-class return (minimum 2/) and 1d per mile Second-class return (minimum 1/) will be issued by the undermentioned Down Trains to and from the usual stations specified on Pages 8 to 18 of the Public Time Table Book.

Tickets issued at the rate of 2½d and 1½d will have a coupon attached, which will require to be exchanged for a Single Ticket for the return journey within one calendar month from date of issue.

Tickets issued at rate of 2d per mile First-class and 1d per mile Second-class from December 22 to December 28 inclusive, will be available for return until WEDNESDAY, December 29.

Tickets issued at single fare and a quarter rate for distances over 20 miles will be available for return within six weeks from date of issue, and those issued for distances of 20 miles and under will be available for return within seven days from date of issue.

Tickets issued in the Down direction from Sydney and intermediate stations will be available for return by any train. Tickets issued in the Up direction (to Sydney and intermediate stations) will not be available for return by Mail Trains.

CHEAP TRAINS FROM SYDNEY.

ILLAWARRA LINE.

Saturday, Dec. 25.—7.0 a.m. to Wollongong, 7.30 a.m. to Nowra, 7.38 a.m. and 8.0 a.m. to Wollongong.

Monday, Dec. 27.—7.0 a.m. to Wollongong, 7.30 a.m. to Nowra, 7.38 a.m. to Wollongong, 8.0 a.m. to Kiama.

Tuesday, Dec. 28.—7.30 a.m. to Nowra, 7.38 a.m. to Wollongong.

SOUTHERN LINE.

Saturday, Dec. 25.—7.50 a.m. to Goulburn, 8.38 a.m. to Moss Vale.

Monday, Dec. 27.—7.10 a.m. to Moss Vale, 7.50 a.m. to Goulburn, 8.0 a.m. to Campbelltown, 8.58 a.m. to Moss Vale, 9.45 a.m. to stations on the Camden Line.

Tuesday, Dec. 28.—7.50 a.m. to Goulburn, 8.0 a.m. to Campbelltown, 8.58 a.m. to Moss Vale, 9.45 a.m. to Camden.

WESTERN LINE.

SATURDAY, Dec. 25.—7.25 a.m. to Mt. Victoria; 7.55 a.m. to Bathurst; 9.30 a.m. to Mt. Victoria.

MONDAY, Dec. 27.—7 a.m. to Mt. Victoria; 7.25 a.m. to Katoomba; 7.55 a.m. to Eskbank; 8.10 a.m. to Mt. Victoria; 8.27 a.m. to Valley Heights; 9.30 a.m. to Mt. Victoria.

TUESDAY, Dec. 28.—7.25 a.m. to Mt. Victoria; 7.55 a.m. to Eskbank; 8.10 a.m. to Mt. Victoria; 8.27 a.m. to Valley Heights.

NORTHERN LINE.

SATURDAY, Dec. 25.—6.40 a.m. to Newcastle, 6.55 a.m., 7.25 a.m., 8.20 a.m., and 8.58 a.m. to Gosford.

MONDAY, Dec. 27.—6.40 a.m. to Newcastle, 6.55 a.m., and 7.25 a.m. to Gosford, 8.20 a.m. to Newcastle, 8.55 a.m. and 8.58 a.m. to Gosford, 9.20 a.m. to Newcastle.

TUESDAY, Dec. 28.—6.40 a.m. to Newcastle, 7.25 a.m. to Gosford, 8.20 a.m. to Newcastle, 8.55 a.m. to Gosford, 9.20 a.m. to Newcastle.

CHEAP TRAINS TO SYDNEY.

Tickets at Single Fare and a Quarter for the Double Journey (minimum 2s First-class, and 1s Second-class) will be issued by the undermentioned trains to Sydney, also to and from intermediate stations where timed to call.

ILLAWARRA LINE.

MONDAY, Dec. 27.—5.30 a.m. and 6 a.m. from Wollongong, 5.25 a.m. from Kiama, 4.55 a.m. from Nowra.

TUESDAY, Dec. 28.—5.30 a.m. and 6 a.m. from Wollongong, 4.40 a.m. from Nowra.

SOUTHERN LINE.

MONDAY, Dec. 27.—6.2 a.m. from Moss Vale, 5 a.m. from Goulburn.

TUESDAY, Dec. 28.—4.10 a.m. from Goulburn.

WESTERN LINE.

MONDAY, Dec. 27.—6 a.m. from Mt. Victoria.

TUESDAY, Dec. 28.—6 a.m. from Mt. Victoria.

NORTHERN LINE.

MONDAY, Dec. 27.—5.40 a.m. from West Maitland, 6.55 a.m. from Newcastle.

TUESDAY, Dec. 28.—5.40 a.m. from West Maitland, 6.55 a.m. from Newcastle.

SPECIAL MOUNTAIN SERVICE.

Cheap Tickets at Single Fare for the Double Journey will be issued by Special Train leaving Eskbank, for Katoomba at 9.45 a.m. on MONDAY, December 27, to and from all stations at which the train is timed to call (minimum rates, 2/ First-class and 1/ Second-class), available for return on day of issue only, but not by the Mail Trains.

MILITARY ENCAMPMENT AT LIVERPOOL.

An improved service of trains will be provided between Sydney and Liverpool from December 25 to December 29, inclusive, and passengers are referred to handbills for full particulars.

COMO AND NATIONAL PARK.

On December 25, 26, 27, and 28 the maximum return fares from Sydney, Redfern, and intermediate stations (including the Bankstown Line) to Mortdale, Oatley, Como, Sutherland, Loftus, and National Park will not exceed 1/6 First-class and 1/ Second-class, available for return on day of issue only.

ADDITIONAL TRAINS.

In addition to the ordinary service and the Cheap Trains shown above, Special Country Trains will leave Sydney on:—

MONDAY, December 27: 8.20 a.m. for Wollongong, 8.55 a.m. for Kiama, 9.30 a.m. for Wollongong, 9.33 a.m. for Kiama, 5.55 p.m. for Wollongong, 6.25 p.m. for Kiama, 8.0 p.m. for Bulli, 9.0 p.m. for Nowra, 8.52 p.m. for Newcastle, 11.15 p.m. for West Maitland.

TUESDAY, December 28: 8.20 a.m. for Wollongong, 8.55 a.m. for Kiama, 9.33 a.m. for Kiama, 5.55 p.m. for Wollongong, 6.25 p.m. for Kiama, 8.0 p.m. and 11.45 p.m. for Nowra, 11.20 p.m. for Goulburn, 11.20 p.m. for Orange.

ALTERED RUNNING AND CANCELLATION OF ORDINARY TRAINS.

SYDNEY SUBURBAN SERVICES.

On December 25, 27, and 28 several alterations will be made in the Sydney Suburban Services. On December 25, 27, and 28 the ordinary train service on the MILSON'S POINT LINE, also between Sydney and Waterfall (including the Bank-town Line) will be cancelled, and the Special Holiday Time Tables shown on handbills will be substituted.

ILLAWARRA LINE.

The following trains will not run on the dates named:—

Saturday, December 25.—12.0 noon, Sydney to Kiama; 1.30 p.m., Sydney to Wollongong.

MONDAY, December 27, and TUESDAY, December 28: 8.7 a.m., 4.27 p.m., and 11.10 p.m. Coal Cliff to Wollongong, 5.40 a.m. and 1.25 p.m. Wollongong to Coal Cliff.

SOUTHERN LINE.

The following trains will not run on the dates shown:—

SATURDAY, December 25.—12.18 p.m. Sydney to Picton, 1.12 p.m. Sydney to Bundanoon, 5.25 p.m. Bundanoon to Moss Vale, 3.10 p.m. Picton to Campbelltown.

WESTERN LINE.

The following trains will not run on the dates shown:—

SATURDAY, December 25: 11.25 a.m., 1.0 p.m., and 2.5 p.m. Sydney to Mt. Victoria, 1.0 noon Sydney to Eskbank; 12.30 p.m., Mount Victoria to Sydney.

SUNDAY, December 26: 8.10 a.m. Sydney to Mt. Victoria, 5.50 p.m. Katoomba to Sydney, 5.40 p.m. Mt. Victoria to Sydney.

MONDAY, December 27: 4.0 p.m. Sydney to Mt. Victoria, 6.25 a.m. and 4.15 p.m. Mt. Victoria to Sydney, 6.20 a.m. Eskbank to Sydney.

TUESDAY, December 28: 4.0 p.m. Sydney to Mt. Victoria, 7.5 a.m. and 4.15 p.m. Mt. Victoria to Sydney.

NORTHERN LINE.

On DECEMBER 25 and 27 the 6.20 a.m. train Cowan to Sydney will not run.

On SUNDAY, December 26, the 6.35 p.m. train from Gosford to Sydney will not run.

ON SUNDAYS, DECEMBER 26, JANUARY 2 and 9, PASSENGERS FOR NEWCASTLE WILL NOT BE CONVEYED BY THE NORTH-WEST MAIL LEAVING SYDNEY AT 6.25 P.M., BUT MUST TRAVEL BY THE BRISBANE MAIL LEAVING SYDNEY at 6.0 P.M.

CLOSING OF GOODS SHEDS.

On December 25 the Goods Sheds at all stations will be CLOSED. On December 27 and 28 and Jan. 1 the Goods Sheds at Alexandria will be CLOSED, but those at Sydney and Darling Harbour will be open until 10 a.m. for the delivery of perishables. The Goods Sheds at all other STATIONS will be CLOSED except for the receipt and delivery of perishable goods.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

CLOSING OF CITY TICKETS AND PARCELS OFFICE.

On December 25 and 27 and January 1 the City Tickets and Parcels Office will be CLOSED, but on December 28 will be Open from 9.0 a.m. to 1.0 p.m. only.

For the convenience of passengers returning to the city in time for business on Wednesday, December 29, trains will leave Wollongong at 5.50 a.m. and 6.0 a.m., Nowra at 4.40 a.m., Goulburn at 4.10 a.m., Mt. Victoria at 6.0 a.m. and 6.20 a.m., and Gosford at 6.50 a.m.

Handbills and further particulars obtainable from all Stationmasters.

By order,

(tt-114) J. S. SPURWAY, Secretary.

GOVERNMENT TRAMWAYS.

CHRISTMAS DAY, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25.

FARES.—The Fares on all Lines will be the same as on Sundays.

Week-day Timetables on all City Lines (Darling-street Wharf-Hurlstone Park Line excepted), with slight alterations in the departure times between 5 and 9 a.m. and 5 and 6.30 p.m.

NORTH SYDNEY LINES.—Sunday Timetables, with additions as shown on Handbills.

ASHFIELD-ENFIELD-BURWOOD-MORTLAKE, AND CABARITA LINES.—Monday to Friday.

ARNCLIFFE-BEXLEY LINE.—Monday to Friday Timetable, with the following trams cancelled:—6.36, 7.22, and 8.6 a.m. ex Arncliffe, and 7.2, 7.46, and 8.32 a.m. ex Bexley.

CRONULLA LINE.—FROM SUTHERLAND: 6.16, 7.8, 8.29, 9.31, 10.7, 10.31, 11.20, 11.38 a.m., 12.42, 1.26, 2.39, 3.8, 4.2, 4.41, 5.24, 6.4, 6.42, 7.20, 8.22, 9.19, 10.25, 11.37 p.m. FROM CRONULLA: 7.25, 7.50, 9.4, 10.4, 10.46, 11.23 a.m., 12.15, 12.50, 1.43, 2.26, 3.23, 3.50, 4.38, 5.21, 6.1, 6.39, 7.17, 7.55, 8.7, 9.45, 11.0 p.m., 12.12 a.m.

CASTLE HILL LINE.—Monday to Friday Timetable will be in force.

DARLING-STREET WHARF-HURLSTONE PARK LINE.—FROM DARLING-STREET WHARF: 7.14 a.m., and every 20 mins. to 10.54 p.m. FROM HURLSTONE PARK: 7.21 a.m., and every 20 mins. to 11.1 p.m. For full particulars see Handbills.

KOGARAH-SANS SOUCI LINE.—Ordinary Timetable to 6.12 a.m. from Kogarah and Sandringham, then half-hourly to 7.34 p.m. from Kogarah, and 7.52 p.m. from Sandringham, thence as shown for Mondays to Fridays.

SUMMER HILL-HURLSTONE PARK LINE.—Monday to Friday Timetable.

WOOLLOOMOOLOO, RAWSON-PLACE-DRUMMOYNE (via FOREST LODGE), and QUAY-STREET-BALMAIN LINES.—The services on these Lines will be cancelled.

Workmen's Fares cancelled on all lines.

BOXING DAY, MONDAY, DECEMBER 27.

Improved Services will be run on Abbotsford, Bondi, Bronte, Coogee, Little Coogee, Long Bay, La Perouse, Kogarah-Sans Souci, Watson's Bay, Manly-Spit, Manly-Narrabeen, and North Sydney Lines.

ASHFIELD-ENFIELD-BURWOOD-MORTLAKE, and CABARITA LINES.—Saturday Timetable.

ARNCLIFFE-BEXLEY LINE.—Ordinary timetable, with the following trains cancelled:—6.36, 7.22, and 8.6 a.m. from Arncliffe, and 7.2, 7.46, and 8.32 a.m. from Bexley.

CASTLE HILL LINE.—Ordinary timetable, with late trips shown for Saturdays.

CRONULLA LINE.—FROM SUTHERLAND: 6.16, 7.8, 8.18, 8.56, 9.20, 9.42, 10.6, 10.30, 10.51, 11.18, 11.42 a.m., 12.6, 12.30, 12.54, 1.18, 1.42, 2.34, 3.14, 3.38, 3.58, 4.22, 4.54, 5.18, 5.42, 6.6, 6.30, 6.54, 7.18, 7.42, 8.6, 8.30, 8.54, 9.18, 10.25 p.m. D12.30 a.m. FROM CRONULLA: 7.25, 8.5, 8.53, 9.37, 9.50, 10.25, 10.47, 11.11, 11.35, 11.50 a.m., 12.23, 12.47, 1.11, 2.35, 1.59, 2.31, 3.11, 3.35, 4.19, 4.47, 5.11, 5.35, 5.59, 6.23, 6.47, 7.11, 7.35, 7.59, 8.23, 8.47, 9.11, 9.35, 10.22, 11.2 p.m. D1.5 a.m.

D All Night Fares.

QUAY-STREET-BALMAIN, and RAWSON-PLACE-DRUMMOYNE (via FOREST LODGE) LINES.—The services on these lines will be cancelled.

Workmen's fares cancelled on all lines.

RANDWICK RACES.—A special service of trams will be run to Randwick Racecourse from Circular Quay (via Elizabeth-street) and Railway-square Loop, commencing at 10.30 a.m. A service of trams will also be run from St. James's-road to the Racecourse between 11.0 a.m. and 12.30 p.m.

The first-class tram will leave Bridge-street yard at 11.30 a.m., and on return will leave the Platform opposite Entrance Gates to Racecourse in Randwick-road 20 mins. after finish of last race.

THE SERVICE FROM CIRCULAR QUAY (via PITT STREET), and FROM THE WESTERN SUBURBS TO THE RACECOURSE WILL NOT RUN.

Return fare (including admittance to Course), by ordinary tram 2/, by first-class tram 3/6. Single tickets will not be issued on the outward journey.

HIBERNIAN SOCIETY'S SPORTS AT AGRICULTURAL GROUND.—A special service of trams will be run from Circular Quay and Railway-square Loop, commencing at 10.0 a.m.

TIME-TABLE ALTERATIONS.

CREMORNE-THE SPIT LINE.

SUNDAYS.

COMMENCING SUNDAY, 26th DECEMBER, the 11.9 p.m. tram from The Spit to Waters-road will be altered to leave at 11.25 p.m.

By order,

J. S. SPURWAY, Secretary.

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New South Wales Government Railways, Office of the Chief Commissioner, Sydney, 24th December, 1915.

TENDERS will be received at THIS OFFICE not later than 12 o'clock (noon) on the dates specified, for the undermentioned Supplies, etc:—

WEDNESDAY, 29th DECEMBER, 1915.

REPAIRING TWO LIGHTNING CONDUCTORS at Ultimo Power House. Particulars, Existing Lines Office, Public Works Building, Bridge-street, Sydney.

THE RIGHT OF PLACING BOOKSTALL AND SELLING BOOKS, Newspapers, etc, at Lismore Railway Station, and also of selling newspapers in trains between Lismore and Binna Burra Stations, for one year from 1st January, 1916. Tender forms and further particulars, Estate Agent for Railways, 15 Castlereagh-street, Sydney, and Stationmaster, at Lismore.

WEDNESDAY, 12th JANUARY, 1916.

THE SUPPLY OF TWO WATER TUBE BOILERS to specification No. 468, obtainable at the Electrical Engineer's Office, 61 Hunter-street, Sydney. Price, 20/ per set.

WEDNESDAY, 12th and 19th JANUARY, 1916.

THE SUPPLY OF STORES REQUIRED FOR THE RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY SERVICES during the year ending 30th June, 1917. A complete list of the stores required is published in the Government Gazette and the Sydney daily papers of 1st, 4th, and 6th instant. The receipt of tenders for the following Supplies, enumerated in the lists referred to has been postponed to a date which will be advertised:—Galvanised Iron, Hardwood Timber, Sydney and Newcastle; Piles, Poles, and Posts; Timber for Country Districts, Wood Blocks and Mastic Joint. Particulars, Railway Stores, Wilson-street, Newtown.

WEDNESDAY, 2nd FEBRUARY, 1916.

THE PURCHASE OF ONE SECOND-HAND ENGINE DRIVEN D.C. GENERATOR. Particulars, Electrical Engineer's Office, 61 Hunter-street, Sydney.

WEDNESDAY, 3rd MAY, 1916.

THE SUPPLY AND ERECTION OF ONE 2300 KILOWATT TURBO ALTERNATOR for Zara-street (Newcastle) Power House. Specification No. 470, can be obtained at the Electrical Engineer's Office, 61 Hunter-street, Sydney. Price, 20/.

Tenders not accompanied by preliminary deposits when required according to the specifications will be treated as informal.

All tenders must be addressed to the Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways, and endorsed "Tender for Coal Tar," or as the case may be.

The Chief Commissioner does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any tender.

J. S. SPURWAY, Secretary.

AMUSEMENTS.

ROYAL PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY OF SYDNEY. Conductor, Mr. JOSEPH BRADLEY.

SYDNEY TOWN HALL.

CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON CONCERT, DECEMBER 25th, 1915, AT 3 O'CLOCK.

STRING ORCHESTRA will play "The Deluge" (Saint Saens), air on the G string for Violins (Bach), Entr'acte "King Manfred" (Reinecke), Holberg Suite (Greig), "Le dernier sommeil de la Vierge" (Massenet), Serenade "In the Far West" (Bentock).

MDME. MARY CONLY will sing "Lord of Our Chosen Race" (Sullivan), "To a Hero" (Schumann), "Ecstasy" (Rummel).

MISS MARY BOURKE will sing "But the Lord is Mindful" (St. Paul), "Oh, Rest in the Lord" (Elijah).

MR. BRYCE CARTER, 'cello solo, with Orchestra, "Adagio" (Bach).

ADMISSION, ONLY ONE SHILLING (booking fee 1/ extra).

CHRISTMAS NIGHT, DECEMBER 25th, 1915, at 8 o'clock.

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Splendid Full Orchestra and Chorus.

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PLANS AND ALL TICKETS AT PALING'S.

HERBERT R. MARRINER, Hon. Sec.

TOWN HALL, SYDNEY.

ORGAN RECITAL.

OWING to the Town Hall, Sydney, being otherwise engaged, there will be NO ORGAN RECITAL, TO-DAY, SATURDAY, the 25th December, 1915.

THOMAS H. NESBITT, Town Clerk.

Town Hall, Sydney, December 24, 1915.

MOTOR LAUNCH leaves Hawkesbury River Station daily for Wiseman's Ferry, 8.20 a.m., having [illegible]

AMUSEMENTS.

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GREAT CAST OF STARS, including DOROTHY BRUNTON, ETHEL MORRISON, MARIE EATON, CECIL BRADLEY, CHARLES WORKMAN, FIELD FISHER, ALFRED FRITH, PAUL PLUNKET, SYDNEY and DAISY YATES, And First Appearance in Australia of CONNIE EDISS (Principal Comedienne of the London Gaiety).

THEATRE ROYAL.

ALLEN DOONE SEASON. GRAND OPENING, MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, AFTERNOON MATINEE AT 2 O'CLOCK, NIGHT PERFORMANCE AT 8 O'CLOCK.

A SECOND MATINEE PERFORMANCE WILL BE GIVEN ON NEW YEAR'S DAY, AT 2 O'CLOCK.

THEATRE ROYAL. Lessees J. C. WILLIAMSON, Ltd. SOLE DIRECTION ALLEN DOONE.

RETURN AND FAREWELL SEASON OF THE EMINENT AND INIMITABLE IRISH SINGING COMEDIAN,

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SEASON COMMENCING MONDAY NEXT, DEC. 27.

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RESERVED SEATS 2/6.

TOWN HALL, SYDNEY.

SUNDAY ORGAN RECITAL.

THE USUAL SUNDAY ORGAN RECITAL will be held at the Town Hall, Sydney, TO-MORROW, SUNDAY, the 26th DECEMBER, 1915, at 3.15 p.m.

THOMAS H. NESBITT, Town Clerk.

Town Hall, Sydney, 24th December, 1915.

REMEMBER THE SOLDIERS' CHILDREN on NEW YEAR'S DAY.

THE HIGHLAND SOCIETY IS DEVOTING THE PROFITS of the HIGHLAND GATHERING, to be held at the AGRICULTURAL GROUNDS, and the CONCERT (TOWN HALL), on NEW YEAR DAY to the COTTAGE AT BURNSIDE HOMES, for the ORPHANED CHILDREN OF AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS.

The Cottage is nearing completion, and will be ready in May. No appeal has a stronger claim on our patriotism than to REMEMBER THE BAIRNS LEFT FATHERLESS.

By supporting the Highland Gathering and Concert you are helping a noble object. The united practical support of all Scotsmen and sympathisers is necessary. Will you withhold your hand? Remember, "who gives quickly gives twice." The need is urgent. Commence 1916 by remembering the little ones, and aid the Highland Society in its work.

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Box Plans for Monday's and Tuesday's Performances at Tivoli. 'Phone, 9924 for Reserves. Plan for other Performances Xmas Week, are also available at Tivoli.

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The Follies wish you all good things—
Yes, in your Christmas junketings;
That through the Empire, far and wide,
Strong hope may spring this Christmastide.
What'er the cost, God send that we
May live to set the nations free.
The Huns stalk devilish 'n ath the sky,
And in their mud and blood they die.
While cowards skulk and cravens flee,
Our boys are in Gallipoli.
They have a mighty flood to stem;
The Follies send their love to them.

So here's a squeeze from Vera Pearce,
Whose eyes are very sweet and fierce;
And here's a kiss from Thelma Raye,
To glad 'em all this Christmas Day.
Jack Cannot (who is shy and slim),
And Colonel K'nut (you've heard of him),
Cry, "Pals of ours, here's heaps o' luck,
In whatever ditch you're stuck."
Good luck to all from Walter Werms,
Whose voice is soft as poet's dreams;
America begot him, but
He's true to Us as Colonel K'nut.

The Follies with all folks at home
Good fortune as the tankards foam,
Your Vera's with you, hands and feet,
(Her eyes are very swift and sweet);
Your Thelma's with you, too her lips
Would tempt a saint to burn his ships;
Should be resist 'em, any saint
Would frizzle to an ash and faint;
Georgie Welch winks the other eye
With unction brotherly and sly.
Here's Christmas. Take the pace from him,
Who is so very shy and slim.

Dear friends of ours, the Follies wish
That love will season every dish,
That you shall taste this gladsome day,
And joy go with you all the way.

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SUMMER MEETING,

MONDAY NEXT,

DECEMBER 27, 1915.

THE CHRISTMAS HANDICAP .... 12.30 p.m.

THE FLYING HANDICAP .... 1.10 p.m.

LUNCHEON.

THE DECEMBER STAKES .... 2.15 p.m.

THE SUMMER CUP .... 3 p.m.

THE NURSERY HANDICAP .... 3.40 p.m.

THE A.J.C. HANDICAP .... 4.15 p.m.

Saddling Paddock admission tickets may be purchased at the office of Messrs. Thomas Cook and Son, 4 Martin-place.

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C. W. CROPPER, Secretary.

6 Bligh-street, Sydney.

AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING,

22nd, 24th, 26th, and 29th APRIL, 1916.

SATURDAY, 22nd APRIL.

THE DONCASTER HANDICAP,

A HANDICAP Sweepstakes of 20 sovs each, 5 ft., or 1 sov only if declared to the Secretary of the A.J.C., Sydney, or V.R.C., Melbourne, before 4 o'clock p.m. on MONDAY, 27th March, 1916, with 2000 sovs added. FOR ALL HORSES. The owner of the second horse to receive 400 sovs, and the owner of the third 200 sovs from the prize. Weights on such day as the Committee may appoint. The second forfeit to be paid to the A.J.C. Secretary before 4 o'clock p.m. on the Thursday preceding the race, or the nominator will be liable for the whole stake. ONE MILE.

Nominations, accompanied by first forfeit of 1 sov, to be made with the Secretary of the A.J.C., Sydney; V.R.C., Melbourne; Q.T.C., Brisbane; W.A.T.C., Perth (W.A.); C.J.C., Christchurch (N.Z.); W.R.C., Wellington (N.Z.); A.R.C., Auckland (N.Z.), or Hawkes Bay Jockey Club (N.Z.), before 4 o'clock p.m. on TUESDAY, 4th January, 1916.

EASTER MONDAY, 24th APRIL.

THE SYDNEY CUP,

A HANDICAP Sweepstakes of 20 sovs each, 5 ft., or 2 sovs if declared to the Secretary of the A.J.C., Sydney, or V.R.C., Melbourne, before 4 o'clock p.m. on MONDAY, 27th March, 1916, with 5000 sovs added. The owner of the second horse to receive 1000 sovs, and the owner of the third 500 sovs from the prize. Weights on such day as the Committee may appoint. The winner of the Doncaster Handicap, 1916, to carry a penalty of 10lb. The winner of the V.R.C. or A.J.C. St. Leger of 1916 to carry weight-for-age if handicapped below that weight. The second forfeit to be paid to the A.J.C. Secretary before 4 o'clock p.m. on the Thursday preceding the race, or the nominator will be liable for the whole stake. TWO MILES.

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LEGAL NOTICES.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of THOMAS HOGAN, late of Spring Vale, Nyngan, in the State of New South Wales, [illegible], deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will and Testament of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JOHN THOMAS HOGAN, of [illegible], the Sole Executor named in the said Will; and all Notices may be served at the Office of the undersigned, to whom all Claims against the Estate of the said deceased should be [illegible] within the time abovementioned. R. G. D. FITZGERALD and CO., Proctors for Applicant, Bridge-street, Muswellbrook. By their Agents, Messrs. PIGOTT and STINSON, Solicitors, 3 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of WILLIAM EDWARD GASS, late of Goulburn, in the State of New South Wales, Civil Servant, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to MARY ELLEN GASS, the Executrix named in the said Will; and all persons having any claims against the said Estate are hereby required to send in particulars thereof to the undersigned within the said fourteen days, and all Notices may be served at the Office of P. J. MEYER, Proctor for Executrix, Cook-chambers, Montague-street, Goulburn. By his Agents, LAURENCE, SON, and MACDONALD, 43 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of FREDERICK DURHAM, late of Woy Woy, in the State of New South Wales, Coach Proprietor, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the estate of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to WILLIAM ANGUS [illegible], the Guardian of THOMAS [illegible] DURHAM, the Infant Son and next of kin of the [illegible] deceased; and all persons having any claims against the Estate of the abovenamed deceased are requested to send particulars thereof within the said fourteen days to the undersigned on whom all notices may be served. H. F. HARRIS, WHEELER, and CO., Proctors for Applicant, 23 Bolton-street, Newcastle. By E. MAGNIS, 86 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of ERNST [illegible] GEL, late of Bega, in the State of New South Wales, Carpenter, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will and Testament of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to FREDERICK WILLIAM ZINGEL, FRANK [illegible] ZINGEL, and JOHN UNDERHILL, the Executors named in the said Will; and Creditors, if any, are required to send in their claims to the undersigned within the said fourteen days, and all notices may be served at the office of H. M. [illegible], Proctor for the Executors, Bega. By his Agents, C. R. MYERS and HILL, 58 Hunter-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JESSIE AMY VING, [illegible], in the State of New South Wales, Married Woman, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will and Testament of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to SARAH KEATS, the Executrix in the said Will named; and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned, to whom all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to send particulars thereof within the said fourteen days. [illegible] GOWD and MAGNIS, Proctors for Executrix, [illegible] Elizabeth-street, Sydney.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE.—Probate, Divorce and Admiralty Division.

(DIVORCE.)

To FRANK EDWARD RICHARDSON, late of [illegible] Grosvenor-road, Handsworth, in the County of Stafford, but whose present address is unknown.

TAKE NOTICE that a Citation has been issued in this Division citing you to appear and answer the Petition of CONSTANCE RICHARDSON, of 65 [illegible] road, Edgbaston, in the City of Birmingham, praying for a Dissolution of Marriage. In default of your so appearing, you will not be allowed to address the Court, and the Court will proceed to hear the said Petition proved, and pronounce sentence in respect hereto. And take further Notice that for the purpose aforesaid within [illegible] days after the date of this publication, an appearance must be entered at the Divorce Registry, Somerset House, Strand, London.

A. MUSGRAVE, Registrar.

Harold Maybew and Darling, 47 Finsbury-square, London, E.C., Solicitors for the abovenamed Petitioner.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

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The matters referred to are as follow: Hours of Working, Meal Times, Wages, Definitions, Pay-day, Overtime, Youths or Improvers Work, Holidays, Sunday Work, Board and Lodging, Stabling, Travelling, Carrying Rates, Washing Vehicles, Youth Labour, Holidays, Saturday and Holiday Work, Preference to Unionists. A complete copy of the application herein may be inspected at the office of the Claimant Union at all reasonable hours. Dated this 23rd day of December, 1915.

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The Local Board of Examiners for New South Wales have decided to recommend to the Council of the Royal Sanitary Institute that certificates be issued to the undermentioned candidates: T. J. Anderson, E. J. Hebb, J. Blake, J. G. Bolton, E. L. Cummins, G. L. Derrick, R. W. Farlow, M. A. Freestone, M. F. Gallagher, A. C. Le Leres, J. Griffin, C. W. Grimes, L. L. Howlett, W. A. Jackson, J. Kirkpatrick, A. W. Law, L. F. O'Neil, J. Prendergast, J. H. Shiel, F. L. Stafford, Lucy Spencer, A. Winter, T. C. Wrightson. A. CRESSWELL, Hon. Local Secretary.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.—Notice is hereby given that the Partnership lately subsisting between DAVID LOUIS REANEY and PERCIVAL JOHN TAYLOR, carrying on business as Motor Engineers at number 143 Prince-street, Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, under the style of REANEY and TAYLOR, has this day been DISSOLVED by mutual consent. The business will in future be carried on by the said PERCIVAL JOHN TAYLOR, at the above address, under the style of "P. J. TAYLOR and CO.," who will discharge all liabilities of the late firm of REANEY and TAYLOR. Dated this 24th day of December, 1915. P. J. TAYLOR, DAVID L. REANEY. Witness: GEORGE C. KING, Solicitor, Sydney.

WAR CHEST. The Raffles were Drawn at 1/3 Pitt-street. TOY BOX, 31 Mrs. Richards, Warma, Pt. Piper. PENDANT, 40 Miss S. Sharp. LEATHER BLOTTER, 66 Miss Nancy Hill. SCREEN, 30 Miss Olive Pitman.

AMALGAMATED SOCIETY OF ENGINEERS, SYDNEY, 5th BRANCH. Owing to Tuesday, 28th December, being proclaimed a Public Holiday, the members of the above branch are informed that the usual fortnightly meeting will be POSTPONED until FRIDAY, 31st December. A. S. HIGGINS, Sec. G. GILLINGHAM, Pres.

I WILL NOT be responsible for any Debts contracted in my name without my written authority. JOHN ROSKELLY, Kogarah-road, Kogarah.

AGENTS TAKE NOTICE.—I Withdraw my Property in Palmer-st, North Sydney, from Sale by all Agents. C. H. PRICE, Palmer-street, North Sydney.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES.

Department of Taxation,
George-street North,
Sydney, 22nd December, 1915.

INCOME TAX.

"INCOME TAX (MANAGEMENT) ACT, 1912," and "INCOME TAX MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1914."

NOTICE is hereby given, under section 20 of the "Income Tax (Management) Act, 1912," that Returns of Income received during the year 1915, for the purposes of the assessment of Income Tax, are required to be furnished to the Commissioners of Taxation, at their Office, George-street North, Sydney, on or before the ninth (9th) day of February, 1916, and all persons who are in receipt of income, and all persons, bodies under the provisions of the above Acts, in any representative capacity to furnish returns for the purposes aforesaid, are hereby informed that the prescribed Forms of Returns are now available, and except those for Companies) may be obtained on application at any Post-office, Police-office, Custom-house, Railway Station, and the Office of any Clerk of Petty Sessions in New South Wales, Stamp Duties Office, Phillip-street, Sydney, or at the Office of the Department of Taxation, George-street North, Sydney.

Forms for Companies can be obtained on application at the Stamp Duties Office, Phillip-street, Sydney, or at the Taxation Office, George-street North, Sydney.

All persons carrying on any business, including grazing or farming of every description (whether the land used in this connection be Crown lease or freehold), trade, or profession on their own account, or who are in receipt of income from rents of property, or salary or wages, are required to furnish Income Returns irrespective of the amount of their income. It should be noted that taxpayers who neglect their obligation in this respect are liable to a maximum penalty of £100, and no taxpayer will be relieved from liability to the penalty by reason only that a notice to furnish the return may not have been received by him, or that the prescribed form may not have been delivered to him.

All employers of labour are required to furnish to the Commissioners the name, occupation, and address of each and every employee, together with the amount of the salary or wages, bonuses or commissions, paid during the year 1915.

Special attention is called to the fact that owing to recent legislation, income derived from any gains or profits accruing to any taxpayer on the sale by him during the year of income of any estate or interest in land, including a lease of land and including the goodwill of any business carried on on the land, where such estate or interest was bought by him, or the lease was leased to him during such year, or the four years next prior thereto; or of shares in any company bought by him during such year, or the two years next prior thereto; or any other personal property of what kind soever, and of the value of fifty pounds or upwards, bought by him during such year, where the buying or selling of such estate or interest, or of such shares or property, or the leasing of the land was not in the course of the business of the taxpayer, shall be deemed to be income derived during the year of income, from a source in the State, and is NOW LIABLE TO TAX.

All owners of taxable lands in the Western Division of New South Wales subject to mortgage should furnish particulars of every such mortgage, in order that they may derive the benefit of any deduction to which they may be entitled in respect of the interest on the mortgage of their lands, including improvements thereon.

Forms of the prescribed Return (Form S) may be obtained on application at the Office of the Commissioners of Taxation, and should be furnished on or before the ninth day of February, 1916, before mentioned.

J. W. HOLLIMAN, }
H. S. JOHNSON, } Commissioners
W. H. WHIDDON, } of Taxation.

N.B.—Particular attention is called to the characters and directions with the Forms of Return.

POSTAGE ON ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COMMISSIONERS OF TAXATION MUST BE PREPAID IN FULL.

NOTICE UNDER REAL PROPERTY ACT.

APPLICATIONS having been made to bring the lands hereunder described under the provisions of the Real Property Act, Certificates of Indefeasible Title will issue, unless Caveats be lodged in accordance with the Third Schedule to the said Act, on or before the 25th JANUARY, 1916:—

No. [illegible] APPLICANT:—Ernest Edwin Lupton, Sydney. LAND:—Municipality Waverley, 1 acre 3¾ perches, in Elias and Roberts streets,—lots 15 and 19 and 21 to 28 inclusive, section 2, subdivision 10 acres granted to Richard Roberts and other part of the same grant; adjoining properties of Mrs. A. M. Bailey, J. Clark, and E. M. and C. Maloney.

No. 19,294. APPLICANT:—George Herbert Allan, Rockdale. LAND:—Municipality Rockdale, 1 acre 2 roods 33¾ perches, in James-street,—part lot 8 of subdivision of 19 acres (portion 32, parish), granted to James Beehag; adjoining properties of W. Moon, Mrs. M. Service, E. Godfrey, W. Henderson, and W. Beehag.

No. 19,549. APPLICANT:—Frederick James Mitchell, Marrvale, Table Top. LAND:—County Goulburn, parishes Bowna and Mungabarina, shire Hume, 627 acres 1 rood 28 perches, 614 acres 3 roods 6 perches, 591 acres 38 perches, 639 acres 1 rood 38 perches, 61 acres 2 roods, 45 acres 3 roods 27½ perches, 10 acres 2 roods 2 perches, and 8 acres 2 roods 24 perches, on road from Albury to Sydney, and on Great Southern Railway,—portion 50 and part portion 57 originally granted to Archibald McLaurin, James McLaurin, Alexander McLaurin, and Robert McLaurin; portions 43, 44, 45, and 57, and part portions 40, 41, 42, 58, and 59 originally granted to James McLaurin; and portions 51, 55, 67, 68, 69, and 70 originally granted to James Mitchell, exclusively of the boundary road now closed between portions 57 and part 58, and portions 43, 44, 45, and part 42 now comprised in Certificate of Title, volume 458, folio 134, and the boundary road now closed between portions 43 and 44, parish of Mungabarina, now comprised in Crown Grant, volume 47, folio 127, the areas of which are not included in the above-mentioned area of 639 acres 1 rood 38 perches; adjoining properties of Crown Land, B. P. and G. A. Bell, E. Fredrich, and F. J. Mitchell.

No. 19,771. APPLICANTS:—George Henry Parkes and James Arthur Parkes, both of Canterbury. LAND:—Municipality Canterbury, 2 acres 1 rood 19½ perches, in William-street,—part lot 4, subdivision 50 acres (portion 154, parish), granted to John Perks; adjoining properties of Hocking Brothers, A. W. S. Mills, and Miss J. O'Connor.

No. 19,104. APPLICANT:—Thomas Rowley Ward, Auburn. LAND:—Municipality Bankstown, 22 acres 2 roods 31 perches,—part 40 acres (portion 69, parish), granted to William Ward, and part 30 acres (portion 65, parish), granted to James Henery; adjoining properties of trustees of Moore's College, the New South Wales Benevolent Society, A. Richard, the New South Wales Real Estate Company, the Master in Lunacy, and E. B. Ahmad.

Diagrams delineating these lands may be inspected at the Land Titles Office, Sydney.

W. G. H-WILLIAMS,
Registrar-General.

8th December, 1915. (14-24)

NOTICE UNDER REAL PROPERTY ACT.

APPLICATIONS having been made to bring the lands hereunder described under the provisions of the Real Property Act, Certificates of Indefeasible Title will issue, unless caveats be lodged in accordance with the Third Schedule to the said Act on or before the 12th JANUARY, 1916:—

No. [illegible] APPLICANT:—John Meier, Rose Bay. LAND:—Municipality and town Parramatta, 28¼ perches, in Rose Hill-street,—lot 40 and part lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 20, section 2, of W. H. Kerr's subdivision, and part 100 acres (portion 194, parish), granted to James Meehan; adjoining properties of E. and F. Donnelley, Mrs. E. Keen, G. Coates, and estate late T. Byrne.

No. 11,906. APPLICANT:—John Australia Mayo, Wollongong. LAND:—Municipality Wollongong, 30 acres 25 perches, adjoining Wollongong railway station, in Crown, William, and Cunningham streets,—part 640 acres (portion 18, parish), granted to John Osborne; adjoining properties of J. A. Beatson, R. Finlayson, J. Bolton, W. J. Wiseman, Chief Commissioner for Railways and Tramways, Mrs. E. Glyde, J. A. Mayo, J. M. [illegible], and W. M'Kenzie.

No. [illegible] APPLICANT:—Wunderlich Limited. LAND:—Municipality Waterloo, 4 acres 2 roods 31¼ perches, in Bourke-street,—part Waterloo Estate and part 1[illegible] acres granted to John Thomas Campbell; adjoining properties of E. Maros, A. Forsyth and Co., Ltd., and S. Whitehurst.

No. [illegible] APPLICANT:—Ralph Crowys, Marrickville. LAND:—Municipality Marrickville, 22¼ perches, at intersection Arthur-street and Livingstone-road,—lot 4, section 7, Graham's Bush Paddock subdivision, and part [illegible] acres granted to Thomas Moore; adjoining properties of M. J. Craven and Mrs. A. Herlihy.

No. [illegible] APPLICANT:—John Digby, Sydney. LAND:—Municipality Randwick, 13¼ perches, in Alison-road,—part 12 acres 3 roods 24 perches granted to Francis March; adjoining properties of — Campbell and G. Allen.

Diagrams delineating these lands may be inspected at the Land Titles Office, Sydney.

W. G. H-WILLIAMS,
Registrar-General.

8th December, 1915. (14-24)

NOTICE UNDER REAL PROPERTY ACT.

APPLICATION having been made to bring the Land hereunder described under the provisions of the Real Property Act, Certificate of Indefeasible Title will issue, unless Caveat be lodged in accordance with the Third Schedule to the said Act on or before the 27th SEPTEMBER, 1916.

No. 19,[illegible] APPLICANTS:—Alfred Ernest Eales, [illegible], Frederick Eales, Berry Park, near Morpeth, Arthur Wellington Eales, Boorara, near Hinton, and Arthur [illegible] Allen, Sydney. LAND:—County Northumberland, parish Hexham, shire Tarro, 929 acres 2 roods 18 perches, and 27 acres 1 rood 4 perches, in Railway, Maitland, and Sparke streets, and on Fishery and Iron Bark Creeks, in and adjoining village of Hexham, suburban allotments 27 to 30, 47 to 50, and 56, and part suburban allotment 40 granted to John Eales, senior, and the land originally granted in 600 acres (portion 1, parish), to John Terry Hughes and John Hosking, exclusively of reserved road 1 chain wide, the area of which is not included in the above-mentioned area of 929 acres 2 roods 18 perches; adjoining properties of H. McAllister, R. S. Hill, W. C. Wentworth, estate late Mrs. M. Christie, estate late T. Powell, Mrs. Petersen. (The title claimed by the applicants to a parcel of 600 acres 2 roods, portion 1 of parish, is possessory as against Inter alios, the heiresses of John Eales, late of Hexham, New South Wales, who died in 1878.)

A diagram delineating this land may be inspected at the Land Titles Office, Sydney.

W. G. H-WILLIAMS,
Registrar-General.

8th December, 1915. (14-24)

Department of Public Works,
Sydney, 24th December, 1915.

TENDERS, specified below, will be received at this Department until 2 o'clock p.m. on dates mentioned:—

WEDNESDAY, 29th DECEMBER, 1915.

Alterations and Additions and General Repairs to Buildings, Police Station, Tenterfield.

General Repairs and Renovations to Lock-up at Bingara.

Supply of [illegible] Cement during the year 1916, for the use of Public Works Department.

Supply, etc., of Wrought-iron and Steel Work for Section 21 miles [illegible] to Merrygoen, Dubbo to Werris Creek Railway.

MONDAY, 3rd JANUARY, 1916.

Alterations and Repairs to Police Station, Coonamble.

MONDAY, 10th JANUARY, 1916.

Removing, Re-erecting, and Enlarging Existing Open [illegible] Shed on Wharf at Bermagui.

Conversion of Hydraulic Passenger Lift to Electric [illegible], Public Works Department, Sydney. (Fresh Tenders.)

Specifications and Plans may be obtained on payment of the sum of 5/ each to the Accountant, Public Works Department. In respect of Architectural Works, Plans only may be purchased.

J. H. CANN,
Minister for Public Works.

Postmaster-General's Department,
December 24, 1915.

TENDERS will be received by the Deputy Postmaster-General, Melbourne, until 3 p.m., Tuesday, the 7th March, 1916, for the Supply and Delivery of 17 TONS [illegible] of WHITE WHEATSTONE RECEIVING and TRANSMITTING TAPE for all States, as per Schedule No. 1[illegible]. See Commonwealth Gazette of 16th December, 1915.

WM. WEBSTER,
Postmaster-General.
E. J. YOUNG,
Deputy Postmaster-General.

ATTENTION is directed to the notice in "Government Gazette" of the 1st December, 1915, calling for OBJECTIONS to an APPLICATION by J. C. Hutton Proprietary, Ltd., for permission to PURCHASE AFTER RESCISSION of the RESERVATION of an area of 7 rood 8¼ perches, Parish of Petersham, county of Cumberland, municipality of Canterbury, being part of the 100 feet reservation in portion 143, R. Campbell's 177¼ acres grant on the west of and adjoining Sugar House-road. Plan Ms. 4637 Sy. A caveat, accompanied by a deposit of £10, lodged with the Chairman, Land Board, Sydney, on or before the 28th December, 1915, will receive consideration.

ARTHUR J. HARE,
(5a91) Under-Secretary for Lands.

Department of Education,
23rd December, 1915.

TENDERS for WORKS specified below will be received at this Department until 2 o'clock p.m. on the dates mentioned. For further particulars, see "Government Gazette."

ARTHUR GRIFFITH,
Minister for Education.

30th DECEMBER, 1915.
Koree.—Verandahs to School.
Tuncurry.—New Building, etc.

6th JANUARY, 1916.
Croydon.—Window Improvements.
Jesmond.—Ventilation Improvements.
Thirlmere.—Closet Improvements.

13th JANUARY, 1916.
Llanthony (Hastings River District).—New Building. (3a-138)

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE.

TENDERS for the Works specified below will be received up to 2 p.m. on the dates mentioned, addressed to the President:—

DECEMBER 29, 1915.

CONTRACT No. 1390.—Supply and Delivery of Centrifugal Pumps and Electric Motors, at the Marrickville L. Level Pumping Station. (Time extended.)

JANUARY 17, 1916.

CONTRACT No. 1044.—Supply and Delivery of about 26,500 lineal feet of 30in or 30in by 3-8in Steel Pipes along line of route of main from Ryde to Chatswood.

CONTRACT No. 1043.—Supply and Delivery of about 21,500 lineal feet of 26in by 3in Steel Pipes and Specials along line of main from Ryde to Pymble.

CONTRACT No. 1042.—Supply and Erection at Ryde Pumping Station of Four (4) Electrically driven Induced Draft Fans.

CONTRACT No. 1045.—Supply and Erection at Ryde Pumping Station of Two (2) Steam Driven Boiler Feed Pumps and One (1) Feed Water Heater.

FEBRUARY 7, 1916.

CONTRACT No. 1391.—Supply and Delivery of Centrifugal Pumps and Electric Motors to No. 1 Pumping Station, Ultimo.

MAY 1st, 1916.

CONTRACT No. 1047.—Supply and Erection at Ryde Pumping Station of Two (2) Steam Turbo Alternators and Switchboard.

THOMAS ROSEBY, Acting Secretary.
341 Pitt-street, Sydney, 17th December, 1915. 6157

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE.
341 Pitt-street, Sydney, 24th December, 1915.

EXHAUST FEED HEATER.

PETTY TENDERS, addressed to the undersigned, will be received at this office until 2 p.m. on MONDAY, 10th JANUARY, 1916, for the Manufacture and Delivery on Trucks, Darling Harbour, of ONE EXHAUST FEED HEATER. The nature of the tender must be endorsed on the envelope. Further particulars may be obtained at the office of the Designing Engineer.

THOMAS ROSEBY,
(61-58) Acting Secretary.

Commonwealth of Australia,
Department of Home Affairs,
Melbourne.

SEPARATE TENDERS, endorsed with the name of the Work, and addressed to the Works Director for New South Wales, Customs-house (4th floor), Sydney, will be received until NOON on the dates shown:—

Place and Work.	Specifications, Drawings, and Tender Forms available at	Closing Date.
Paterson Post-office—Repairs, etc.	Works Branch, Sydney; Works Office, Newcastle; Post-offices, Maitland and Paterson.	28/12/'15
Denman Post-office—Repairs, etc.	Works Branch, Sydney; Works Office, Newcastle; Post-offices, Muswellbrook and Denman.	18/1/'16
Sydney Customs-house—Additions, Steelwork.	Works Branch, Sydney.	10/1/'16
Miller's Point Drill Hall—Steelwork.	Works Branch, Sydney.	10/1/'16
Ardlethan Post-office—Joinery.	Works Branch, Sydney; Works Office, Cootamundra; Post-offices, Temora and Ardlethan.	10/1/'16

The lowest or any Tender not necessarily accepted.

KING O'MALLEY,
Minister of State for Home Affairs.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.
Department of Trade and Customs,
Lighthouse Branch,
December 8, 1915.

TENDERS, accompanied by full specifications, are invited for the Supply and Delivery of MINERAL COLZA OIL, 300deg. test, as under:—
1200 Gallons at Williamstown.
6000 Gallons at Princes Wharf, Hobart.

The Oil to be supplied in cases, each containing two 4-gallon tins.

Delivery will be required in two consignments, viz., half the quantity at each place mentioned above not later than 1st March, 1916, and the balance not later than 1st September, 1916.

Tenders to be endorsed on the outside "Tenders for Oil," and to reach the Comptroller-General of Customs, Spring-street, Melbourne, not later than Noon, WEDNESDAY, 29th December, 1915.

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FRANK G. TUDOR,
Minister for Trade and Customs.

Commonwealth of Australia,
Department of Trade and Customs,
Spring-street, Melbourne,
14th December, 1915.

TENDERS are invited for the Regular Supply of SCREENED NEWCASTLE COAL, at the rate of 50 tons per month, for a period of 12 months.

Alternate Tenders are required for the delivery in bags, on wharf at Cooktown, or for the delivery, unbagged, at ship's rail at Cairns.

Tenders to be marked "Coal Contract," and be lodged with the Comptroller-General of Customs, Melbourne, not later than WEDNESDAY, 5th January, 1916.

FRANK G. TUDOR,
Minister for Trade and Customs.

MILITARY FORCES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

2nd MILITARY DISTRICT.

NOTICE WITH RESPECT TO WAR PRECAUTIONS REGULATIONS, 1915, PAR. 30.

I, GUSTAVO RAMACIOTTI, Colonel Commanding 2nd Military District, and a competent military authority under the War Precautions Act, hereby order that no unauthorised person shall approach within 100 yards of the Military Camp on Milson's Island, Hawkesbury River.

All persons are warned that if they fail to comply with this order they will be liable to a fine of £100 and 6 months' imprisonment.

G. RAMACIOTTI, Colonel,
Commanding 2nd Military District.

Sydney, December 22, 1915.

Department of Home Affairs,
Melbourne.

KALGOORLIE-PORT AUGUSTA RAILWAY.

Quotations will be received up to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, January 4, for the supply and delivery at Port Augusta, South Australia, of ONE (1) 2ft 0in GAUGE LOCOMOTIVE (NEW OR SECOND HAND).

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ST. PETERS, Modern Semi-detached BRICK COTTAGE, 4 rooms and convs., Title Torrens, £[illegible].
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Built of best brick, on massive stone foundation, Marseilles tiles to roof. Contains,
Dining-room .... 16 x 12
Bedroom .... 16 x 12
Bedroom .... 12 x 10
Breakfast-room .... 12 x 11
Kitchen .... 12 x 9
Hall, Bathroom, Pantry, Linen Press.
Front Verandah .... 10ft x 20ft.
Back Verandah .... 9ft x 20ft.
Fibrous Plaster Ceilings, High-grade Oak Mantels, Solid Brass (Oxidised) Fittings. Porcelain enamel bath and basin. Mosaic tiles in bathroom. Fletcher-Russell Gas Stove.
Walls of all rooms are painted in art shades, and are washable. All white woodwork finished with best enamel. The finish of this cottage must be seen to be appreciated.
LAND 56ft 9in frontage x 192ft deep. SPLENDID VIEWS. FREE FROM DUST. BEST PART OF DISTRICT.
Situated on Lane Cove Heights, 6 minutes from tram, 35 minutes from city.
HONESTLY WORTH £1000. FOR QUICK SALE OWNER WILL ACCEPT £875. TERMS ARRANGED. The Title is Torrens.
Can be seen any time during the holidays, except Sunday.
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FIFTY POUNDS SECURES THIS BEAUTIFUL HOME. NEW double-fronted cottage, Roughcast, Tiled Roof, containing
Dining-room .... 16ft 6in x 12.
Bedroom .... 16 x 12
Bedroom .... 12 x 10.
Bedroom or Breakfast-room .... 12 x 10.
Kitchen, Bathroom, Pantry, etc. Best enamelled Gas Stove.
Large Verandah in Front, 7ft wide. Sleeping-out Verandah at Rear, 9ft wide. Leadlights in Front Door and Fanlight.
The Walls of every room are painted in art shades. Best quality paper friezes. All White Woodwork finished in ENAMEL.
Solid oak Mantels to every room, and best quality Polished Grates and Fittings. Mosaic Tiles in Bathroom, Porcelain Enamelled Bath and Basin.
The whole cottage is beautifully finished throughout, and must be seen to be appreciated.
LAND, 50FT FRONTAGE x 220FT DEEP. SOIL WILL GROW ANYTHING. TORRENS TITLE.
Built specially for owner, and only just finished. SHELTERED POSITION, FREE FROM DUST. 5 minutes from tram, 38 minutes from city.
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High-class RESIDENCE, built of selected brick, massive stone foundation, tiled roof, containing Drawing, Dining, and Breakfast Rooms, 4 Bedrooms, Kitchen, Laundry, Bathroom, Pantry, Box Room, Linen Press, 2 Store Cupboards, Gas Stove.
Large Verandahs at Side, 10ft wide. Verandahs in Front and Rear.
Best Fibrous Plaster Ceilings throughout. Mosaic tiles. Bathroom, fitted with extra large Porcelain Enamelled Bath.
White tiles around sink and gas stove.
WALLS.—Every room is finished in art shades with Berger's Paint.
OUTSIDE.—Large tool house and dark room for photography.
LAND 113ft 6in FRONTAGE x 192ft DEEP. Laid out in lawns, Flower Beds, Vegetable Gardens, Few Fruit Trees, Poultry Runs. More land if required at £4 10/ per foot. TORRENS TITLE.
Built specially for owner under very strict supervision about 12 months ago. Everything in perfect order.
The Mantels and Grates, Finish and fittings are the VERY BEST.
SPLENDID VIEWS FOR MILES AROUND. FREE FROM DUST.
5 minutes from tram, 38 minutes from City. PRICE £1675. WORTH £1850. TERMS ARRANGED.
Owner living on premises, "Hillcrest," Bridge-street, off Burn's Bay-road, Longueville. Take Lane Cove tram from McMahon's Pt. to Longueville tram terminus. Seen at any time during the holidays except Sunday.

CLYDE. £15 DEPOSIT, Balance as Rent. A W.B. COTTAGE, situated in Third Street, Clyde, 3 min. from Clyde Station; adjoins Clyde Engineering Works and other factories, 3 good rooms, k., and all convs. In first class order, ready for immediate occupation. PRICE, £340. Deposit £15, Balance as rent, 15/ per week, to cover interest. Apply ARTHUR RICKARD and CO., LTD., 84B Pitt-street.

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KOGARAH. A £50 BARGAIN. £50 Deposit, £1 per week, incl. interest. This is a modern, nicely finished Cottage, having the best water frontage in Kogarah Bay. Lined with fibro, living-room 24 x 14, hall, 3 b. rms., lge. vers., kit., w.c., land 62 x 200, Torrens. Only 15 minutes' walk from 1d section, Sans Souci tram. This is an opportunity to secure a water frontage home, yet suitable for a man working and going to town daily. Apply F. HOWE, Carlton-crescent, Kogarah Bay.

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NEW BRICK COTTAGE, high position, dr. and dining rms., 3 bedrms., kitchen, and offices, with ver., gas and electric light. Land 54 x 227. Apply 54 The Avenue, Strathfield.

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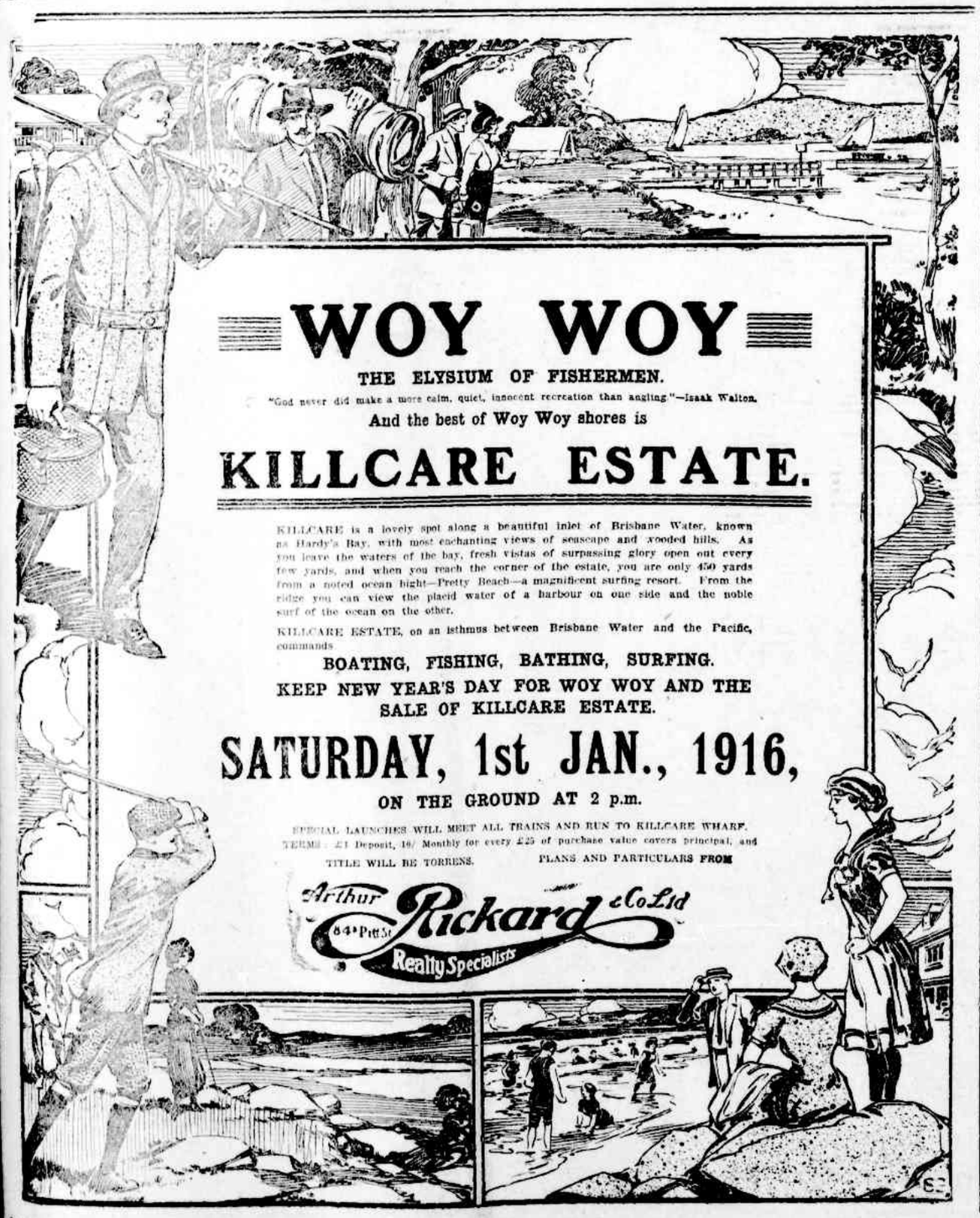
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LIFE IN LONDON AND THEREABOUT.

(CHRONICLED BY SIR HENRY LUCY.)

The Premier's Great Speech.—The Nation and the War.—Death Duties Gleaned in the Trenches.—Shock to the Stock Exchange.

WESTMINSTER, Nov. 6.

Among many qualities that endear Mr. Asquith to an admiring House of Commons is his habitual avoidance of lengthy speeches. Since the war began he has delivered at least half-a-dozen addresses, masterpieces of lucidity, force, and eloquence. None has exceeded forty minutes in delivery, whilst half an hour has in some cases sufficed. On Tuesday, making his eagerly anticipated speech on the military situation, he filled up an hour and fifty minutes. His statement was luminous, frank, and, above all, confident in its assurance that the Allies will carry a righteous cause to a triumphant issue.

Under strong provocation he refrained from giving more than a passing notice to "the small coterie of professional whimperers who keep us supplied and our enemies supplied with a daily diet of falsehood." One of the most persistent dishes thus served contains the assurance that Winston Churchill, at the time First Lord of the Admiralty, was personally responsible for sending the Fleet to the Dardanelles without waiting for co-operation by the army. Mr. Asquith with much interesting detail declared that after full investigation and consultation with naval experts, and after communication with the French Admiralty, the united Cabinet felt justified in sanctioning a naval attack. Lord Fisher, seated among the crowd of Peers in the gallery over the clock, had the satisfaction of hearing the Premier admit that he, then holding the post of First Sea Lord, "had doubts and hesitations," since abundantly confirmed.

The speech was favourably received by a critical audience. More important than explanations of plans that have failed to meet with full success was the predominant tone of resolve to relax nothing of the grim determination with which the gigantic struggle has hitherto been conducted. Win or lose this country, in conjunction with its Allies on the Continent, and its kinsmen overseas, to whose dauntless courage and splendid military capacity Mr. Asquith paid a fine tribute, will go on to the bitter end. That that will close in victory is an assurance the Prime Minister, who of all men has fullest, most intimate knowledge of the situation, is increasingly confident.

During the past year the spirit of the nation has risen or fallen according to varied turns of the war. Evidence is at hand that opinion has steadily veered in the direction of hopefulness. From the first there has been no defection from certainty of ultimate victory. Never in any circumstances, however temporarily disappointing, has there been faltering from the high resolve, at whatever cost of blood or money, to carry on the war till that end is reached. From time to time the goal seemed to recede. Just now there is universal disposition to believe that the end is within measurable distance. The inevitableness of a winter campaign is admitted. But there is a kind of instinct that, alike in the east and in the west, it will be the final effort of the German Powers.

A consecrated story, coming down from the Crimean days, relates how an officer, drawing his sword to lead a desperate cavalry charge, remarked, "Here goes £40,000 a year." It had probably no firmer foundation in fact than the Duke of Wellington's famous "Up Guards, and at 'em." It is useful as reminding us that even in these days, when abolition of purchase has leavened the officers' mess with a new social class, there are many moneyed men in the British army. Evidence on the subject constantly appears in the list supplied to newspapers of wills of officers that have been proved. Here, for example, is the case of Captain —— of the Royal Irish Rifles, killed in action near Ypres, who left unsettled property of the gross value of £24,651. On this capital he might have lived comfortably at home in town or country. At the call to arms he gave up everything, suffered in the trenches privations and dangers, obscurely died amid the rattle of machine guns, and the flight of shrapnel, and is buried in a foreign land. The Chancellor of the Exchequer counts with patriotic contentment upon the influx of death duties paid on the estates of millionaires. Being, after all, only human, he cannot without compunction rake in comparatively small tributes from men who, on behalf of their country, have paid the stupendous price of their life.

Like other industrial communities, the Stock Exchange is grievously suffering from influence of the war. As was shown by the magnificent subscriptions to the war loan, there is abundance of loose cash in the country awaiting investment. But the stocks that habitually provided opportunities for business are regarded with indifference or suspicion. The greatest shock suffered by the Stock Exchange was the announcement made the other day that London and North-Western railway stock had fallen below par. Business was recorded at the price of £99½. It is true quotation immediately spurted to the extent of 10/. But it fell back to par. On the Stock Exchanges throughout the country there is something almost sacred about L. and N.-W. railway stock. It is the Consols of the railway market. Eighteen months ago it stood at £141¾. Even after the blight of war had spread over the markets it did not fall below £126, a handsome premium on the price of issue. And now it has been dealt in below par.

This fact indicates a state of things that finds relief in the offices of many firms of high standing, and in homes long accustomed to the atmosphere of affluence. Establishments, business and domestic, have been cut down, meaning unemployment for thousands of workers. The Stock Exchange itself, regarded as an investment, has sorely suffered. Its shareholders find a small and privileged stock, 18 months ago difficult to purchase, is now, at greatly reduced price, almost unsalable. One result of this condition of hopeless depression is that a considerable number of members of the Stock Exchange and a large contingent of clerks have gone to the front, and are now shouting battle-cries in the trenches instead of prices on 'Change.

HOME SERVICE.

It is considered that many men who have been rejected for active service abroad would be quite suitable for home service. This is to be borne in mind in connection with the number of men that will be required for home service, in view of the new units to be formed.

Any man, professional or otherwise, who volunteers for service, is on medical examination to be classified as:—(a) Fit for active service; (b) fit for home service; (c) unfit for any service.

One of the chief factors in passing men as "fit for home service" is that they are not suffering from some organic disease or other physical defect likely to cause a breakdown by service, or be a menace to their comrades, thereby causing a drain on the public purse. The character of the man volunteering is also to be considered. Further, if a man has a physical defect not a menace to others, and is not fit for service, but is prepared to give a legal indemnity to free the department from payment of compensation for incapacity directly due to such physical defect, e.g., cardiac trouble, age, and similar defects, he may on production of the indemnity be accepted for home service as far as numbers are needed to meet the requirements. Medical examiners are to be instructed to exercise every care in discriminating between men accepted under class (a) and class (b).

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.

Brigadier-General E. T. Wallack, C.B., who for some years was District Commandant of New South Wales, cabled from Egypt on December 13, the following:—

"Headquarters,
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Christmas Greetings to all.

Wallack."

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A WOMAN'S LETTER.

The King.

LONDON, Nov. 18.

The King is making steady, though slow, progress towards recovery, and is seeing a number of people in his room. It is expected that his convalescence will be slow, and that he will not be able to mount a horse for a very long time to come. Though there have been no visceral lesions, there is no doubt that his Majesty's limbs and his whole body have been severely crushed, and in injuries of this kind there is frequently a matting together of muscles and nerves which time alone can disentangle. There are cases where the limbs are so crushed that the laceration of the member and its consequent loss of feeling are permanent. I have seen this lately in an injury from a railway accident. But the King seems to be a wonderfully cheery patient, and as everything that science can do has been done to make his bruised body as comfortable as is possible, he resigns himself to an unusual cessation of active movement. Few people know how hard the King works, what early hours he keeps, and what an amount of official routine he gets through. Add to this the daily increasing gravity of our situation in the Balkans, and the threatening of our interests towards India, as well as the ever-pressing on of the campaign in the west, and you realise what an "uneasy head" it is that wears the British Crown.

Dress and Fashion.

It is a curious thing to note the number of shops which are selling off other firms' stocks. Go where you will you find tempting bargains at the most unsensational houses. Furs, of course, are the paramount question when the thermometer is registering a point or so above freezing. And somehow nearly everyone one meets wears a Muscovan coat to the heels, and goes furred to the ears with a wrap, hands thrust deeply into voluminous muffs. I see that it is de rigueur to have the coats made so that not an inch of skirt shows below. Skirts, of course, are very short, and the question presents no difficulty.

Many of the best-dressed women are wearing very thick cloth coats with a napped facing, like gentlemen's overcoats with a deep full flounce at the edge, a high collar made of fur and deep fur cuffs. The aim of the cutter seems to emulate the Cossack coat as much as possible, with its border of fur and its ample skirt, set on to a body portion which is rather more closely fitting than the coats we have been accustomed to for so long. That, indeed, is the new line, the fuller skirt with a distinct waist. I do not mean that there is any compression of the waists. We are gone over to comfort in this respect, and the freedom of our muscles and bodies means more to us than any record of mere inches.

There is a revival of blouses. This may strike you as strange considering how popular they have been for so many years. I mean by this a revival of the blouse irrespective of its relation to the skirt. This was the way blouses first came into vogue. Then for a long time nothing was so popular, or indeed so charming, as the white blouse in its many forms, the silk, satin, and the many lovely blouses in lace, fine muslin, or muslin with many insertions of Valenciennes or other suitable laces. All this is coming back. I see many more white muslin blouses with beadings and insertions of lace than I have done for some time. Many of the best blouse shops trim the fronts plentifully with lace kilting, and necks are mostly high with smart pointed collar. White silk shirts are always best when plainly made in tailor fashion and untrimmed. The vogue for black velveteen skirts brings about the use of smart black blouses. As this class of costume is more used indoors than in the street, unless it is part of a costume, the blouse is generally made of two or three materials, net trimmed with gold worn under black ninon. Or lace veiled with ninon, with bands of colour showing through the foundation blouse. You may ring as many changes as you like in this respect. The cut of the new models is rather different to those we have been wearing. I have one before me made of black ninon lined with white ninon, whose sleeves and shoulders are cut in one with the front portion gathered on to what is practically a yoke and sleeve in one. This model has deep revers put on from just below the throat to the waist, where it tucks in with the velvet skirt bought to wear with it. These revers are a new touch, and if liked may be omitted and the front outlined with a little trimming of hand-made roses. There is a high turnover collar just at the back, and the sleeves, which are cut in one with the yoke, are made rather full, lined with white ninon, and gathered into a deep frill at the wrist, all cut in the length of the sleeve. There is no cuff used. You can if you wish wear bracelets with this style of sleeve. Many people still possess them, and in the present vogue for Victorian effects bracelets are quite admissible. This is just the sort of blouse to wear in the afternoon for one's at homes, or if one has friends to tea and bridge drawing rooms are warm by the afternoon, and you do not need such heavy clothing as in the earlier part of the day.

For smart, warm blouses—and we are always needing them in our winter—nothing looks better than woolback satin. This may be cut from any model you prefer. If for purely morning wear it is treated as a shirt made to button to the throat, and worn with a smart white organdie collar and a tie of soft silk. For afternoons you may open it down the front and edge the front, cuffs, and collar with narrow fur trimming, and wear a pretty lace or muslin waistcoat. These waistcoats are made just like a blouse, without sleeves, open at the throat, but closed by round pearl or some ornamental style of button. The pearls are made with shanks, and look like large pearls. In greys the oxidised pearl button is exceedingly good.

Striped shirts are getting too common to be smart, but in that material known as "Luviseа" they are quite fascinating, and they have the great merit of washing well. This season Luviseа is brought out in plain colours, in white it is very desirable, as it has more substance than a cheap make of Japanese silk, and is a little warmer. In plain colours, blues, mauves, pinks, and white, this material may be made up to serve any purpose you wish to put it to.

A new garment is now being exploited for ladies, called the Jumper blouse. It is loose and falls plain in front. The back is caught together with a strap of the material. The whole garment comes nearly to the knees, slips over the head, and has a few fastenings on the chest. The sleeves are simple, and it is so planned that you can wear it over a blouse for extra warmth. In short, it is intended to serve the purpose of the warm sports coat, which are now a perfect livery for indoor wear. The Jumper blouse is more decorative, and, I think, should fill a want; so many elderly women feel cold just between the shoulders, but hate the encumbrance of a woolly wrap, while even a silk knitted sports coat is hardly dressy enough for drawing-room wear. These jumpers should be made in pretty colours or in black with some soft woolly stuff as interlining, and as a finish silk lining. Made thus, it will prove a great comfort in many ways. Girls will take it up in white and slip it over tennis blouses made in thick white silk or cashmere. Cashmere, I think, is quite the ideal weight of material to use. I have no doubt that patterns of the Jumper blouse will find their way out to you. You get everything that counts.

Hats are taking a turn towards a uniform shape of the sailor persuasion. The low crown is the most popular, and I think suits that style of hat better than the high crown, which is considered newer. That has a pronounced Welsh effect which is none too popular. Small high-crowned hats are well worn made in beaver by men's hatters. They require very little trimming, merely one tall feather standing up fixed by a bow and buckle. Young women wear them simply tied with a band of velvet. There are numbers of tall toques and almost skull caps with one ragged plume standing up, but the best people wear sailors simply trimmed with a flower in beads or hand-made velvet blossoms. The flowing lace veil has been put aside. People in mourning wear the long ninon veil with a deep hemstitched edge.

THE FRINGES OF THE FLEET.

SUBMARINES.

IV.

(BY RUDYARD KIPLING.)

I was honoured by a glimpse into this veiled life in a boat which was merely practising between trips. Submarines are like cats. They never tell "whom they were with last night," and they sleep as much as they can. If you board a submarine off duty you generally see a perspective of fore-shortened fatalish men laid all along. The men say that, except at certain times, it is rather an easy life, with relaxed regulations about smoking, calculated to make a man put on flesh. One requires well-padded nerves. Many of the men do not appear on deck throughout the whole trip. After all, why should they if they don't want to? They know that they are responsible in their department for their comrades' lives, as their comrades are responsible for theirs. What's the use of flapping about? Better lay in some magazines and cigarettes.

"When we set forth there had been some trouble in the fairway, and a mined neutral, whose misfortune all bore with exemplary calm, was careened on a shoal near by.

"Suppose there are more mines loose?" I asked.

"We'll hope there aren't," was the soothing reply. "Mines are all Joss. You either hit 'em or you don't. And if you do, they don't always go off. They scrape alongside."

"What's the etiquette then?"

"Shut off both propellers and hope."

We were dodging various craft down the harbour, when a squadron of trawlers came out on our beam, at that extravagant rate of speed which unlimited Government coal always leads to. They were led by an ugly upstanding, black-sided buccaneer, with 22-pounders.

"Ah! That's the king of the trawlers. Isn't he carrying dog, too! Give him room!" one said.

We were all in the narrowed harbour mouth together.

"There's my youngest daughter. Take a look at her!" someone hummed, as a punctilious navy cap slid by on a very near bridge.

"We'll fall in behind him. They're going over to the neutral. Then, they'll sweep. By the bye, did you hear about one of the passengers in the neutral yesterday. He was taken off, of course, by a destroyer, and the on', thing he said was, 'Twenty-five times I 'ave insured, but not this time. . . 'ang it!'"

The trawlers lunged ahead toward the forlorn neutral. Our destroyer nipped past us with that high-shouldered terrier-like pouncing action of the newer boats, and went ahead. A tramp in ballast, her propeller half out of the water, threshed along through the sallow haze.

"Lord! What a shot," somebody said, enviously. The men on the little deck looked across at the slow-moving silhouette. One of them, a cigarette behind his ear, smiled as a companion.

Then we went down—not as they go down when they are pressed (the record I believe is fifty feet in fifty seconds from top to bottom)—but genteelly, to an orchestra of appropriate sounds, roarings, and blowings, and after the orders, which come from the commander alone, utter silence and peace.

"There's the bottom. We bumped at fifty—fifty-two!" he said.

"I didn't feel it."

"Well, try again. Watch the gauge, and you'll see it flick a little."

It may have been so, but I was more interested in the faces, and above all the eyes, all down the length of her. It was to them, of course, the simplest manoeuvre. They dropped into gear as no machine could, but the training of years and the experience of the year leaped up behind those steady eyes under the electrics, in the shadow of the tall motors, between the pipes and the curved hull, or glued to their special gauges. One forgot the bodies altogether—but one will never forget the eyes nor the ennobled faces. One man I remember in particular. On deck his was no more than a grave, rather striking countenance, cast in the unmistakable petty officer's mould. Below, as I saw him in profile handling a vital control, he looked like the Doge of Venice, the prior of some hardly ruled monastic order, an old-time Pope—anything that signified trained and stored intellectual power, utterly and ascetically devoted to some vast impersonal end. And so with a much younger man, who changed into such a young monk as Frank Dicksee used to draw. Only a couple of torpedo men, not being in gear for the moment, read an illustrated paper. Their time did not come till we went up and got to business, which meant firing at our destroyer, and, I think, keeping out of the light of a friend's torpedoes.

The attack and everything connected with it is solely the commander's affair. He is the only one who gets any fun at all, since he is the eye, the brain, and the hand of the whole—this single figure at the periscope. The second in command heaves sighs and prays that the dummy torpedo there is less trouble about real ones) will go off all right, or he'll be told about it. The others wait and follow the quick run of orders. It is, if not a convention, a fairly established custom that the commander shall inferentially give his world some idea of what is going on. At least I only heard of one man who says nothing whatever, and doesn't even wriggle his shoulders when he is on the sight. The others soliloquise, etc., according to their temperament, and the periscope is as revealing as golf.

Submarines nowadays are expected to look out for themselves more than at the old practices, when the destroyers walked circumspectly. We dived and circulated under water for a while, and then rose for a sight, something like this:—"Up a little. Up! Up still! Where the deuce has he got? Ah! thalf a dozen orders as to helm and depth or descent, and a pause, broken by a drumming noise somewhere above, which increases and passes away). That's better! Up again! (This refers to the periscope.) Yes. Ah. No; we don't think. All right. Keep her down, damn it! Umm! That ought to be nineteen knots. Dirty trick! He's changing speed. No, he isn't. He's all right. Ready forward there! (A valve sputters and drips, the torpedo men crouch over their tubes, and nod to themselves. Their faces have changed now.) He hasn't spotted us yet. We'll ju-ust —— (More helm and depth orders, but specially helm.) Wish we were working a beam-tube. No'er mind! Up! (A last string of orders.) Six hundred, and he doesn't see us! Fire!"

The dummy left: the second in command cocked one ear and looked relieved. Up we rose; the wet air and spray spattered through the hatch. The destroyer swung off to retrieve the dummy.

"Careless brutes, destroyers are," said one officer. "That fellow nearly walked over us just now. Did you notice?"

The commander was playing his game out over again—stroke by stroke. "With a beam-tube I'd ha' straifed him amidships," he concluded.

"Why didn't you then?" I asked.

There were loads of reasons, which reminded me that we were at war and cleared for action, and that the interlude had been merely play. A companion rose alongside and wanted to know whether we had seen anything of her dummy.

"No; but we heard it," was the short answer.

I was rather annoyed because I had seen that particular daughter of destruction in the stocks only a short time ago, and here she was grown up and talking about her missing children.

In the harbour again one found more submarines, all patterns and makes, and sizes, with rumours of yet more and larger to follow. Naturally their men say that we are only at the beginning of the submarine. We shall have them presently for all purposes.

Now, here is the mystery of the service.

A man gets a boat, which for two years becomes his very self:

His morning hope, his evening dream,
His joy throughout the day.

With him is a second in command, a cox., an engineer, and some others. They prove each other's souls habitually, every few days, by the direct test of peril, till they act, think, and endure as a unit, in and with the boat. That commander is transferred to another boat. He tries to take with him if he can, which he can't, as many of his other selves as possible. He is pitched into a new type twice the size of the old one, with three times as many gadgets, an unexplored temperament, and unknown leanings. After his first trip he comes back clamouring for the head of her constructor, of his own second in command, his engineer, his cox., and a few other ratings. They for their part wish him dead on the beach, because last commission with So-and-So, nothing ever went wrong anywhere. A fortnight later you can remind the commander of what he said, a l he will deny every word of it. She's not, he says, so very vile, things considered, barring her five-ton torpedo derricks, the abominations of her wireless, and the tropical temperature of her beer-lockers, all of which signifies that the new boat has found her soul, and her commander would not change her for battle-cruisers. Therefore, that he may remember he is the service, and not a branch of it, he is after certain years shifted to a battle-cruiser, where he lives in a blaze of admirals and aiguillettes, responsible for vast decks and crypt-like flats, a student of extended above water tactics, thinking in tens of thousands of yards instead of his modest, but deadly, three to twelve hundred.

And the man who takes his place straightway forgets that he ever looked down on great rollers from a 60ft bridge, under the whole breadth of Heaven, but crawls, and climbs, and dives down conning towers, with those same waves wet in his neck, and when the cruisers pass him tearing the deep open in half a gale, thanks God he is not as they are, and goes to bed beneath their distracted keels. For it is written:—

How in all time of our distress,
And in our triumph, too,
The game is more than the player of the game,
And the ship more than the crew.

"But submarine work is coldblooded business." (This was at a little conference in a green curtained "wardroom" cum owner's cabin.)

"Then there's no truth in the yarn that you can feel when the torpedo's going to get home?" I asked.

"Not a word. You ought to see it get home, or miss, as the case may be. Of course, it's never your fault if it misses. It's all your second in command."

"That's true, too," said the second. "I catch it all round. That's what I am here for."

"And what about the third man?" There was one aboard at the time.

"He generally comes from a smaller boat, to pick up real work—if he can suppress his intellect, and doesn't talk 'last commission.'"

The third hand promptly denied the possession of any intellect, and was quite dumb about his last boat.

"And the men?"

"They train on, too. They train each other. Yes, one gets to know 'em about as well as they get to know us. Up topside, a man can take you in—take himself in—for months; for half a commission, p'raps. Down below he can't. It's all in cold blood—not like at the front, where they have something exciting all the time."

"Then bumping mines isn't exciting?"

"Not one little bit. You can't bump back at 'em. Even with a Zepp. ——"

"Oh, now and then," one interrupted; and they laughed as they explained.

"Yes, that was rather funny. One of our boats came up slap underneath a low Zepp. Looked for the sky, you know, and couldn't see anything except this fat shining belly almost on top of 'em. Luckily it wasn't the Zepp's stingin' end. So she went to windward, and kept just awash. There was a bit of a sea, and the Zepp. had to work against the wind. (They don't like that.) Our boat sent a man to the gun. He was pretty well drowned, of course, but he hung on, choking and spitting, and held his breath, and got in shots where he could. The Zepp. was straffing bombs about for all she was worth, and —who was it?—Macartney, I think, potted at her between dives; and naturally everyone wanted to look at the performance, so about a quarter of a ton of water flopped down below, and—oh, they had a Charlie Chaplin time of it! Well, somehow Macartney managed to rip the Zepp. a bit, and she went to leeward with a list on her. We saw her a fortnight later with a patch on her port side. Oh, if Fritz only fought clean, this wouldn't be half a bad show. But Fritz can't fight clean."

"And we can't do what he does—even if we were allowed to," one said.

"No, we can't. 'Tisn't done. We have to fish Fritz out of the water, dry him, and give him cocktails, and send him to Donnington Hall."

"And what does Fritz do?" I asked.

"He shuttters, and clicks, and bows. He has all the correct motions, you know, but, of course, when he's your prisoner you can't tell him what he really is."

"And do you suppose Fritz understands any of it?" I went on.

"No; or he wouldn't have Lusitanied. This war was his first chance of making his name, and he chucked it all away for the sake of showin' off as a silly Gottstrafer."

And they talked of that hour of the night when submarines come to the top like mermaids to get and give information; of boats whose business it is to fire as much and to splash about as aggressively as possible; and of other boats, who avoid any sort of display—dumb boats, watching and relieving watch, with their periscope just showing, like a crocodile's eye, at the back of islands, and the mouths of channels, where something may some day move out in procession to its doom.

CHRISTMAS BELLS.

I heard the bells on Christmas Day,
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, goodwill to men!

And thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along
The unbroken song
Of peace on earth, goodwill to men!

Till ringing, singing, on its way,
The world revolved from night to day,
A voice, a chime,
A chant sublime
Of peace on earth, goodwill to men!

Then from each black, accursed mouth
The cannon thundered in the South,
And with the sound
The carols drowned
Of peace on earth, goodwill to men;

It was as if an earthquake rent
The hearth-stones of a continent,
And made forlorn
The households born
Of peace on earth, goodwill to men!

And in despair I bowed my head;
"There is no peace on earth," I said;
"For hate is strong,
And mocks the song
Of peace on earth, goodwill to men!"

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead; nor doth He sleep;
The Wrong shall fail,
The Right prevail,
With peace on earth, goodwill to men!"

HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW.

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CURRENT LITERATURE.

THE BALKANS.

About a year ago Mr. Crawfurd Price published "The Balkan Cockpit," in which he sought to unravel the tangled skein of politics in south-eastern Europe. Those were the days of easy optimism; we cherished the amiable delusion that because the Allies' cause was a just one the Balkan States would support us against the Central Powers. Their adhesion was supposed to be only a matter of time; indeed, some bold spirits actually prophesied the dates on which we could expect the addition of Greece, Roumania, and Bulgaria to the Allied ranks. Mr. Price warned us that while this consummation was possible, it was by no means as simple of achievement as the amateur publicists supposed. True, the Balkan States had sunk their mutual grievances to meet a common foe, and what happened once could happen again. But the short-lived Balkan League had failed to survive the traditional rivalry of its members, the bitterness of which had been increased by the second war and the territorial settlement of the Treaty of Bucharest; and Mr. Price was not inclined to take a very hopeful view of the prospects. In this he proved himself so sound a prophet that one opens "Light on the Balkan Darkness," his latest book, in the expectation of reading an impartial and authoritative appraisement of the situation.

In this we are not disappointed, although Mr. Price has shared the experience of many authors in these days of kaleidoscopic changes. His book is, to some extent, out of date. In the interval between its appearance in London and its arrival in Australia the rapid progress of events has turned possibilities into accomplished facts, and settled once for all certain questions which, two months ago, were matters for speculation. When Mr. Price wrote Servia still held the gate between Austria and Constantinople, Bulgaria was still frankly up for auction; the attitude of Greece had not yet come to produce such anxiety. So Mr. Price is dealing with what is now to some extent ancient history; still, his comments are interesting; and, in the light of what has since happened, significant.

He has not a very high opinion of British diplomacy in the Balkans. Perhaps in the long run it was bound to fail in the face of unscrupulous rivals, who had no hesitation in resorting to bribery and corruption, both of the individual and of the nation. But it should have accomplished more than it did. Its one method of persuasion seems to have been to offer territories which were not British to give. It is never difficult to be generous at the expense of another, and Mr. Price most strongly deprecates the action of the Allies in holding out Servian Macedonia as a bait to Bulgaria as the price of her intervention. It has been argued that on the principle of the recognition of national sympathies Bulgaria has a legitimate claim to this territory. Mr. Price discusses the matter comprehensively, and comes to a different conclusion. For generations, nay, centuries, he says, Macedonia has been subject to so many influences that it cannot be said to have more marked affinities to Bulgaria than to Servia. Bulgaria put the question of Central Macedonia to the sword and lost. With the first shot of her cannon she destroyed the Serbo-Bulgarian treaty of 1912. To talk of the injustice of the Treaty of Bucharest is illogical. It is the injustice which all defeated combatants have to accept at the hands of the victors. And the most humiliating feature of the whole business is that even our cheerful readiness to give away Servia's property has not achieved its purpose. "Look upon us as mercenaries," declared a Bulgarian "statesman." "It is our duty to ourselves to be mercenaries. As a matter of fact, we cannot think of humanity, civilisation, or any of the other ethical inducements. It is our business to think only of Bulgaria." If one is going to deal at all with a people of this kind it is common prudence to make sure that your rival is not going to go one better. In bribery the sole justification is success, and even that is a doubtful justification. There is no sorrier figure than the offerer of bribes who has been outbidden.

Mr. Price's opinion on the attitude of Greece is rather a novel one, and it is likely that he has seen fit to modify it by now. He deplores the criticism of Constantine's policy and does not believe that his relationship has influenced him in any way whatever. When M. Venizelos proposed to send an expedition to the Dardanelles and was overruled by the King, Mr. Price considers that the latter "could in the circumstances have come to no other decision than that which he adopted and which was that of the General Staff." Again when M. Venizelos suggested in August that an army should be sent to the help of Servia, the General Staff interposed for the second time. The ambiguous position of Bulgaria was then the excuse; they feared to expose Greece to a flank attack, and Mr. Price asks us to believe that they were actuated solely by military considerations and not by Germanophile sympathies. One may accept this view perhaps, though one suspects that Mr. Price is not infallible, and this impression is confirmed by a statement he makes elsewhere. "King Constantine," he declares, "to the writer's personal knowledge has never doubted that the Allies will emerge victorious, and if the telegrams exchanged between him and the Kaiser ever come to be published it will be found that he therein not only laid down Greece's position on clear and unmistakable lines, but scornfully declined to entertain the German suggestion that Greece should stand by while Bulgaria attacked Servia." Seeing that that is precisely what Greece has done, in defiance of her treaty obligations, one can only conclude that Mr. Price was hoodwinked into assuming the role of apologist rather prematurely. (Simpkin Marshall: Dymock's).

"Eleftherios Venizelos" is an interesting biography of the former Prime Minister of Greece, by Dr. C. Kerofilas. M. Venizelos is unquestionably the most prominent figure in Balkan politics to-day, and, among the Allies, the most popular. For a time his failure to secure the co-operation of Greece brought him somewhat out of favour; but we know now that he has worked for the cause of the Allies with steadfast sincerity, and that his only mistake lay in under-estimating the power of the influences arrayed against him. The later incidents of his political life from the outbreak of the first Balkan war to the present time are sufficiently well known, and Dr. Kerofilas adds little of importance to our knowledge of them. But his account of the earlier passages of an extraordinarily picturesque career contains much that is new, and gives an excellent idea of M. Venizelos's peculiar qualities.

Even when a mere lad M. Venizelos seems to have possessed unusual force of character together with the faculty of securing its immediate recognition wherever he found himself. No sooner had he returned to Crete, fresh from the university, than he was instantly admitted to be the guiding spirit of Cretan affairs. He led that series of insurrections which differed from most insurrections in that Crete resisted the grant of autonomy, and demanded incorporation. Although he was a mere provincial—a stranger from an outlying island—his candidature at the Assembly elections in Greece was not only successful, but he was chosen first Deputy by an immense majority. And from then onward he has proceeded from triumph to triumph. To him Greece owes constitutional reform, military efficiency, and territorial expansion, and the world the first practicable attempt to find a permanent solution of the Balkan problem—an attempt which was defeated by the duplicity of Bulgaria. (Murray: Dymock's.)

FIGHTING MEN.

Mike Cassidy, of Ballygoyle, joined the Royal Engineers—the corps in which traditionally there is never any calling for volunteers for a peculiarly difficult and dangerous job, because it is assumed that every man is both willing to do it and competent to do it. In the fulness of time Mike Cassidy became Sergeant Michael Cassidy, R.E. He was hurried over to France in the early days of the war, he was in the thick of it until he stopped a German bullet, and he was invalided home with a pair of crutches and a rich store of reminiscences. These have been faithfully reported by "Sapper," and "Sergeant Michael Cassidy" has given his name to the transcript. The sergeant may or may not be a real person, but the stories he tells are indubitably the real thing. One may suspect that at times the effects are a little stage-managed, for the good people of Ballygoyle are by no means disposed to let a story grow worse in the telling of it. But, making all allowance for the "picturesque exaggeration" which politicians and war correspondents think should be the monopoly of themselves alone, the sergeant, per medium of the faithful sapper, gives us more vivid glimpses of war than many more authoritative and more pretentious volumes succeed in doing.

In the chapter called "The Bridge" we actually see the famous retreat from Mons. "'Twas still—'twas just peace with the heat haze shimmering and the buzz of flies to send one to sleep, for we were well behind our own men. It seemed as if we had been there but a minute, but maybe it was half an hour, when, with a crash, one of the horse batteries galloped over the bridge. The dust rose in great clouds, and through it we could see the drivers—their collars open, their faces grey with it, some with hats and some without, themselves sitting down like men possessed, while their horses sweated and galloped, and the guns swayed behind. In a second they were gone, and only the dust was left. Mr. O'Rourke, he turned to me and he said: 'They were going fast even for the Horse,' he said, 'along a road; and I would to heaven it had been the other way they were galloping'—for they were going south. Five minutes later we heard them come into action a quarter of a mile behind us. 'Covering the retreat again,' he muttered: and barely had he spoken when an infantry regiment came into sight—going the same way. Walking dogged they were, with a fixed sort of stare, and some were asleep as they marched, and some were whistling through lips that made no noise. The sweat was caked on them, and they were grey from head to foot, and the officers were staggering up and down cheering them on—for those lads had been going without rest for all of ten days or more. 'And one of the sergeants said to me as he went by, he said, 'There are thousands of them, and they're close behind.' And I went to Mr. O'Rourke and I said to him, 'It's close work it's going to be, sir, I'm thinking, for they are near behind.'" So they were, and so it was; but while there are O'Rourkes in the service a miss is as good as a mile, and a wrecked bridge is as good as many miles.

Sergeant Michael Cassidy's recollections are catholic; tragedy, heroism, broad farce, and melodrama all find a place. He can appreciate the qualities of the enemy, and he can salute the spy who does his job and takes his gruel unflinchingly. The sergeant is too much of a soldier to indulge in vague hatred against the soldiers of the foe. He dislikes all Boches as a matter of abstract principle; he kills them whenever he can, cheerfully and with alacrity, but without any very definite personal sentiment of antipathy; if he does not actually succeed in killing them he binds up their wounds, gives them his last drop of water and his second last cigarette. He is utterly mystified by the point of view of those whose contribution to the defeat of Germany is to smash the windows of shops bearing foreign names. The only time when he shows any positive indignation against anyone is after he has had a brush with some young and able-bodied football enthusiasts, whose devotion to the game never carried them farther than the grandstand. On that occasion the sergeant unleashed his tongue. "I would take them football shouters and I would heave them into a trench, where I would follow them to have the pleasure of showing them the sights. The trench would have the water standing in the bottom of it, and there would be a wind blowing that would cut through to their skins like a knife. And above the noise of the wind it's another noise they would hear, which same they would not understand—not having heard that noise before. And then I would talk to them. 'You hear that noise?' I would say to them. 'Tis not the wind I mean, but that swishing noise passing over your heads. You hear that thudding in the earth in front, that moaning in the air? It is not football that they are playing now, my lads; you are not watching a game you cannot play yourselves; you are watching the game of death, and if you jump up now and abuse the referee you will not do it a second time.'" And yet Sergeant Cassidy can find some explanation if no excuse even for the "kinema creepers," as he calls them. Tell them the truth, din it into their ears, bawl it through the length and breadth of the land, and the response will not be lacking. (Hodder and Stoughton: Dymock's).

AUSTRALASIA IN ARMS.

Although much has been written about the individual operations of the Australasian forces in the war, the accounts have hitherto been disconnected. It has been a happy thought on the part of Mr. E. C. Buley to give a general survey of Australasia's contribution to the cause of the Allies. This, indeed, is the chief value of "Glorious Deeds of Australasians." There is very little in it that we have not heard before; yet nowhere else is the whole record to be found in a single volume. Naturally pride of place is given to the exploits of our men at the Dardanelles. The original landing at Gaba Tepe, the heroic charge of the New Zealanders, the unfortunate affair at Suvla Bay which cost so dear and yet was so close to being a brilliant and perhaps even a decisive success—all these Mr. Buley commemorates worthily, as well as the more humdrum episodes of the campaign in Egypt and the trenches. Much of the matter is drawn from the reports of various war correspondents, who have had exceptional opportunities for seeing all that was to be seen; but Mr. Buley has also included interviews with soldiers invalided to Britain, and letters from the fighting line.

However, Gallipoli does not monopolise the author's attention. He describes the work of the various expeditions which snapped up some unconsidered territorial trifles in the Pacific; he tells how the Australian Navy cleared the South Seas of German shipping, and helped to drive the Pacific squadron into the hands of Admiral Sturdee; he gives a detailed account of the engagement between the Sydney and the Emden. There are occasional signs of carelessness in his narrative: for instance, the statement, twice repeated, that the Emden bombarded Bombay, when, of course, it was Madras. Also Mr. Buley does not always trouble to be consistent. In one place he charges the Turks at the Dardanelles with abusing the Red Cross flag, mutilating the wounded, and so forth. Later on he declares that the Turk is a very fair fighter and that no authentic evidence of atrocities is to be found. But, apart from one or two defects such as these, due, no doubt, to hurry, his book is an excellent one, written in a vigorous and graphic fashion, which will be read with interest by Australasians, and will inform the rest of the world of the not inconsiderable part we have played in the war. (Melrose.)

REMINISCENCES OF THE RING.

Mr. Eugene Corri is the doyen of the ring in London. All his life he has been interested in boxing and for many years he has been the referee in contests held under the auspices of the National Sporting Club. Now out of the fulness of his experience he has written "Thirty Years a Boxing Referee," being the reminiscences of fights he has seen and boxers he has known. No doubt the book will appeal most to followers of "the game," but even the layman whose acquaintance with boxing is wholly perfunctory will find much to interest him. Mr. Corri's range is catholic; he chats entertainingly of the heroes of the ring from Slavin and Peter Jackson down to the latest aspirants for championship honours; he describes historic battles between men who were giants of their day and compares their prowess with that of the later generation. Nor do his recollections relate only to the past; those whose names are much before the public at the present time will find their exploits appropriately commemorated.

Mr. Corri has a good deal to say about the ethics of boxing, though one feels that it was hardly necessary for him to vindicate it as a sport. No one seeks to deny that boxing fosters the manly virtues of its devotees, and that to succeed in the ring requires the exercise of qualities which everyone would do well to imitate. Also at this time of day it is rather superfluous to remind us that the professional boxer is by no means the type described by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle in "Rodney Stone," but is usually a well-spoken, straight-living man of the world, who respects both himself and others. The point is that for some reason or other boxing and racing are two forms of sport which manage to collect in their entourage a greater proportion of undesirables than any others. Probably this is because betting plays a larger part in them than in any others. As for the boxers themselves, Mr. Corri reminds us with pride of the numbers that have joined the colours since the outbreak of war, of the fact that the army and the navy have always been a nursery of boxing, and of the boom in boxing for which the enrolment of Kitchener's new army has been responsible. He has refereed in many military tournaments, and seen many promising lads of the stuff of which champions are made, Sergeant this and Driver that and Gunner the other. For a space they were the idols of their station, and great things were prophesied of them. Yet they did not remain long to defend their titles; one by one they quietly disappeared to fight sterner battles in a larger ring, where there is neither timekeeper nor referee. (Edward Arnold.)

NEW NOVELS.

Mr. George Birmingham is becoming more serious. A few years ago his name on the title-page of a book informed the reader in advance that he would find therein some excellent fooling. Mr. Birmingham's farce was broad but inimitable in its way. However, latterly he has turned from the comedies of Irish village life and given his attention to matters of greater import. The humour is still there, but it has now a more ironic flavour. Some of us may regret Mr. Birmingham's conversion, but what he writes is always interesting; and "Gossamer," the most serious of his novels, is probably also the best of his serious novels. It deals with high finance, and its title is apt. It symbolises the tiny threads with which finance covers the globe. Some rough intruder may shatter them, but to-morrow they are there again, woven silently and invisibly, while the world sleeps. The plot is formless, indeed there is no plot at all in the ordinary sense of the word. At one time the author is discussing the ethics of finance and seeing much to admire in them; at another he is concerned with the commercial fortunes of a cash-register, and an invention which will revolutionise cinematography; at another it is the Home Rule question, and then again it is the miscalculations of Germany on the subject of Irish loyalty. Perhaps if the book has any plot at all, it is the exposure of the utter futility of politics as a guide to public opinion or private conduct, and of the complete consciousness of the politicians of this fact. But if the plot is elusive and unimportant the characters are extremely vital. It is on the deft association of four types, all radically different, that the effect of the story depends. It is told in the mouth of one Digby, an expatriated Irish squireen, who flatters himself that he is a detached observer of life, capable neither of patriotism nor emotion. The issue proves him quite wrong in his belief though he refuses to admit this. Then there is Gorman, the professional politician, who has absolutely no illusions about the "game." He is quite open about his ideals and methods; he is willing to play up to public opinion under pretence of moulding it, and to exploit private folly in order to keep his party's theatrical devices well in the limelight. He is positively shocked when he learns that he has narrowly escaped creating a Frankenstein monster; his cynicism is redeemed by his engaging frankness and his personal magnetism. He, too, scouts at the notion of patriotism; that, in his opinion, is merely a dodge by which the astute politician can round up votes. Yet he, too, at the last hour, shows that he has a very vivid conception of what patriotism means. And, lastly, there are the Aschers, a curious and very human pair. Mrs. Ascher possesses what is known as the artistic temperament in a very pronounced degree. Digby, who is admittedly a Philistine, begins by thinking it a pose, but he ends by realising that Mrs. Ascher's affectations conceal an individuality which is very different from the common clay. And there is Ascher himself, the German banker, whose conscience pulls him two ways. His personal patriotism makes him sympathetic with his own country, though he knows it to be in the wrong; his sense of commercial obligation to his adopted country, and to the millions whose well-being depends on the stability of his business, restrains him from returning to Germany as he would like to do. The finer spirits can appreciate the difficulty of his problem and can admire his decision, although the mob howls at him. Ascher is an extremely subtle piece of characterisation, and Mr. Birmingham has seldom achieved a better. (Methuen, Dymock.)

"Life Force," by Mrs. Henry Tippett is founded on quite a good idea, even if it is not wholly original. We are shown two women, in whom the maternal instinct is strong, but unfulfilled. One of them is married to a hopeless dipsomaniac, and, as things are, it is perhaps just as well that her single child is dead. The other is unmarried, and bitterly regrets that she has made an impecunious lover's wooing over difficult. The story describes the lot of these two, both thwarted in their natural impulses, and both doomed to the dregs where their more fortunate sisters taste of the joy of life. The moral is excellent, the literary value is of less account. Mrs. Trippett has made the common mistake of underlining her arguments, and over-emphasising her characterisation. Basil is over drawn to such an extent that he is incredible. His intrigues and liaisons could not conceivably have deceived their victims. One feels that the sisters talk more openly about their miseries than would have been possible had they taken them very much to heart. Indeed, there is much in the book that strikes the reader as unreal. The author is so intent on her propaganda that she neglects many things essential to a successful novel. (Everett and Co.)

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.

The Christmas literature for the young is not very extensive or remarkable this year. But for the hardy annuals and the pretty calendars and booklets that take the place of the card of old there would be almost a scarcity. But the Annuals are a host in themselves, and amongst them all none hold their pride of place better than those approved old favourites upon which more than one generation has been nourished, the "Boys' Own Annual" and the "Girls' Own Annual," copies of which we receive from the Religious Tract Society. Perhaps the boys are better served. There are more coloured supplements, and the colours leave nothing to the imagination; War is writ large upon these ample pages. The Empire is searched out for things new and old to add to the mental store of the lucky youngster who, on rainy day or other indoor spell, has this goodly provision to his hand. The serials include one by Jules Verne. The "Girls' Own" seems quiet by comparison. The war hardly makes an intrusion into these well-bred pages, except in the shape of knitted socks, vests, and coats for men on service. The nature studies and the photographs of English beauty spots and historic places are all excellent, and, on the whole, the "Girls' Own" seems to attain a high level of artistic merit and a certain quiet distinction. Either is a splendid gift for the right youngster.

Messrs. Wells Gardner, Darton and Company are represented by quite a group of books for the young and the younger. There are the "Prize," "Leading Strings," "Sunday—and Every Day," and last "Chatterbox," beloved of a host of people who really cannot be called young by any sort of compliment. But once on a time we were young and liked "Chatterbox" so well that we are giving it to people who really and truly are young. "Chatterbox" has a kind of wartime supplement, "Chatterbox Newsbox." This is a sad commentary on our state of mind. For here in a child's book in coloured gorgeousness and in apparently correct drawing and design, instead of the hero and heroine of a fancy story, is a picture of a trench all complete except for barbed wire and dead men. However, with whatever war adjuncts may be necessary, there are the old favourites and the new, in very fine raiment without, and as for within, well, their pictures and their stories, and their poems, and their puzzles, and their directions how to make anything and go anywhere are in inexhaustible variety.

MUSIC AND DRAMA.

An extraordinary advance in the quality of vaudeville entertainments in America, partly arising from the arrival of shoals of high-class operatic and concert artists from Europe, owing to the war, is reported by Mr. Claude M'Kay, the well-known theatrical press agent of this city. This acute observer also remarked that talent is more strongly individualised in America than on this side. Artists endeavour to throw their own personality into their lines, so as to make a special appeal to audiences which others cannot imitate, and this leads to the vogue of some stage people who now and again strike the travelling stranger as queer. This is the case with Eva Tanguay, one of the highest-paid performers in the United States. Her special line is crazy, irresponsible stuff, noisily delivered, at the top of her voice; and she might be summed up as "the apostle of 'I-don't-care' gaiety." On the opposite side, that of quiet refinement and charm, Mr. M'Kay was completely captivated in San Francisco by the Campbell Sisters. They sit down, as if in their own Virginian home, one at the piano and the other with her guitar, and sing little southern ditties, or deliver shrewd, wise, homely sayings, and all in such a way as to create a quiet heart-soothing atmosphere. Another new development is the extravagant outlay in the picture world. Some time this year Geraldine Farrar, the grand opera soprano, was paid a picture salary for six weeks in Los Angeles which figured out at two dollars a second throughout her many hours of work there. The result was the picture-production of "Carmen" at the New York Strand, a magnificent photo-play house seating 4000 people, with an orchestra of 60 to play Bizet's music. The scenes were not taken from the libretto, but from the original novel by Prosper Merimee. When the visitor was in New York he was assured that the Farrar film was drawing 20,000 dollars a day on the continuous system, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Every day at 9 a.m. there was a queue waiting to go in that extended round two blocks. In connection with vaudeville and picture entertainments the Announcer has become an American institution. He aspires to be quite a wit. Mr. M'Kay heard Trixie Foraganza, an established star, playfully introduced in the words: "This little girl has talent, and if encouraged will get on in time," and a negro orchestra from New Orleans was described as: "Ready to play until they are almost black in the face."

Miss Myrtle Tannehill, the new actress who is playing so vivaciously in "Twin Beds," springs from a theatrical family of the same name, and was born in New York City. Her grandfather (Frank Tannehill) and grandmother (Nellie Tannehill) used to support visiting stars, such as Adelaide Neilsen and Modjeska. In spite of a slight difference in the spelling of the name, the family is connected with Robert Tannahill, the Scottish poet who wrote "Jessie, the Flower o' Dunblane." The poet was never married, and died before reaching middle life in 1810. The parents of the newcomer were also on the stage, her mother having shone in musical comedy for a time, whilst her father (Frank Tannehill, jun.) flourished in light comedy until he recently devoted himself to stage-direction. Miss Myrtle Tannehill, accordingly had a gay time of it on her school holidays, passing in and out of the New York matinees on the strength of a smile—and a very beaming one, too, when happily passed in! William Gillette, the American star, witnessed her parents' marriage, and this old friend gave her a start in her career—"a heavy thinking part" in the "Admirable Crichton" at Boston. For three years the beginner played small speaking-parts under Charles Frohman's management, and then, six years ago, she was cast for the leading character in "The Girl of the Golden West," and toured successfully in this emotional role for 41 weeks, travelling from New York to the middle west. Her next leading engagement was in "Get-Rich-Quick Wallingford," at Chicago, throughout a run of eleven months, and she was then fortunate in playing lead opposite the star comedian, Frank M'Intyre, for 30 weeks in the farce "Snobs." This formed her first leading appearance in a New York theatre (Hudson's), and also resulted in her meeting Mr. Hale Hamilton on tour at Boston, where he was starring in "Wallingford." Whilst Miss Tannehill was appearing as leading lady in "Broadway Jones" (1912) with Mr Geo. M. Cohan in New York, she married Mr. Hamilton, and joined him in London as soon as his success in "Wallingford" was assured. The bride had crossed over, in her own playful expression, "as excess baggage," not expecting to appear, but when Mr. Arthur Collins engaged her husband for "Secret Service," he also secured her for the Drury Lane production in the ingenue role as Ruth Furnol. On their own account, the Hamiltons produced "The Fortune Hunter," at the Queen's Theatre, but Londoners considered it too sentimental, and it only ran about 50 performances. Thereupon the young adventurers sailed for New York, and were together there in "A Pair of Sixes" at the Longacre Theatre. Miss Tannehill only had just time to appear in three special feature-pictures, and arrange a cosy home, when a sudden move to Australia under J. C. Williamson, Ltd., involved another kaleidoscopic turn of Fortune's Wheel. This clever actress possesses a piquantly and whimsically expressive countenance, so that when Blanche weeps the audience is inevitably convulsed.

The Chicago "Music News" refers at considerable length to David Bispham's appearance at the Harris Theatre as Beethoven in an episode from the composer's life, staged as a musical play under the title of "Adelaide." The famous American baritone's versatility of dramatic expression was admired during his Australasian tour, and though he did not appear here in grand opera, it was well known that he was as much actor as singer in many of his great lyric impersonations. Mr. Bispham's stage entrance in the new piece involves rapping upon a door leading from the living room to an inner chamber, in doing which he strikes the rhythm of the characteristic "blows of Fate" in the immort- in doing which he strikes the rhythm of the characteristic "blows of Fate" in the immortal Fifth Symphony. The character of Adelaide, strange to relate, fell to the Irish-Australian dramatic soprano, Marie Narelle, who made a delightful picture in costume, figure, face, and bearing of a grande dame of the time. Histrionically, Mme. Narelle fell into the scheme of subdued attitude and repression in the great scene in which Adelaide realises that the adored one cannot hear the sympathetic words with which she tries to alleviate his affliction. Mr. Bispham's company also included, amongst other artists, Kathleen Coman, who proved a brilliant pianist in the before-piece, "The Rehearsal," and in the play appeared as Frau Sepherl, a spiteful laundress. "Coman" is the stage-name of Mme. Narelle's daughter who won the E. M. Woolley Scholarship here about five years ago, enabling her to study at the R.A.M., London. Mme. Narelle's other daughter, Rita, who possesses a fine voice, has laid aside that career for a time through throat trouble, and is pianist with an operatic company.

Miss Felice Lyne, the American high soprano of the last Quinlan Opera season here, forwards long printed accounts of her successes in Auber's almost forgotten work "La Muta di Portici," at Philadephia. The music of the story, better known by the name of its hero, "Masaniello," is described as simply scored and very tuneful, though not really suited to its tragic theme. Miss Lyne sang the grand opera role of Elvira "with unusual clarity and sweetness, perfect flexibility and tone control," with Zenatello, the famous Italian tenor as the hero. The revival of this old-fashioned work, of which only the hackneyed overture survives, was been due, however, to the necessity for finding a star role for Anna Pavlowa, the world-known dancer, for which purpose the Boston Opera Company and the Pavlowa Ballet Russe temporarily united their forces. This fact illustrates the lavish enterprise which governs American management.

Family jars are completely out of date now. Eliminated by the Family Box of Cockle's Pills, which cure temper, irritability, gloom, discouragement, by curing their very simple causes.—Advt.

IN THE GARDEN.

BROMPTON AND INTERMEDIATE STOCKS.

For flowering in winter and very early spring, Brompton and Intermediate stocks are becoming increasingly popular, and every year more attention is being devoted to their cultivation. The more recently created varieties produce long stems of sweetly perfumed, mostly beautiful double flowers of various colours, the crimson, dark-red, mauve, pink, purple, scarlet, and white ones being particularly attractive. The season has arrived for sowing the seed, and if a good strain is obtained about 75 per cent. of the resulting seedlings will produce double flowers. Seedlings that are raised in beds in the open generally give the best results, for with ordinary care they will grow into strong, healthy plants that are easily transplanted. The seed bed should be well prepared, and be composed, if possible, of light sandy soil, or that of a similar nature. The seeds should be sown very thinly and evenly on the firm, level surface, and be left only very slightly covered with light soil, or fine decomposed vegetable matter. It will be necessary to shade the seed bed from the sun, and a simple way to do this is to drive a stout peg firmly into each corner, leaving it about 15 inches above the surface. Then stretch a piece of Osnaburg or similar light material over the tops of the pegs, tying it firmly to each one. Such shade will not only protect the seedlings from hot sunshine, but admit an abundance of air to circulate amongst the young plants and ensure sturdy growth. The seed bed must be regularly watered in dry weather, and after the seeds have germinated the seedlings must never be allowed to suffer from the want of moisture at the roots, or the growth will become stunted. When the young plants are about 3 inches high, and have been gradually inured to open-air conditions, they should be carefully set out in the positions where they are to bloom. It is not advisable to grow stocks on exactly the same piece of ground for two consecutive years, for, speaking generally, the plants keep in a more healthy, vigorous condition when planted in a position where they have not been previously grown for a considerable time. Stocks are gross feeding plants, and to obtain the best results should be grown in deeply-worked, rich soil. They show to the greatest advantage in bloom when planted in rows, or in masses. If grown in this way the plants should be set out from 18 to 24 inches apart, according to the vigour of the variety.

SWAN RIVER DAISY.

Amongst Australian annuals now in cultivation none is producing such a profusion of beautiful and showy flowers this season as the Swan River daisy, Brachycome iberidifolia. This annual is a native of Western Australia, and, although it has long been cultivated in the eastern States, it is not grown to the extent that its great merits entitle it. The plant grows about one foot high, has elegant divided leaves and rather large, daisy-like flower heads. There are two distinct varieties of the species, one with bright blue flowers, and the other pure white ones. These plants produce the most beautiful and charming effect in bloom when growing in a small bed by themselves, either in single or mixed colours, but they show to great advantage when planted in a row, or in small groups near the margins of the flower border or shrubbery. The Swan River daisy is easily raised from seed, which should be sown in the coast districts in early autumn, and in the cooler parts in early spring. The plants thrive in fertile, light loamy soils in an open, sunny situation. If the seeds are sown in situ, and the seedlings grow too thickly, they should be liberally thinned out so as to allow those that remain to develop into fine flowering plants. If the seeds are sown in a seed bed, the resulting seedlings should be transplanted, when about three inches high, about nine inches apart in the positions where they are to flower. Only ordinary cultivation is necessary to ensure success.

NOTES.

The native "flame tree," Sterculia acerifolia, is flowering most profusely this season and producing an exceptionally fine effect, both in a wild and cultivated state. This handsome tree, with highly ornamental foliage and large clusters of bell-shaped, rich red flowers, is well worth a good position in any garden where sufficient room is available for its mature development. It is also well worth extensively planting in parks and recreation grounds. Although this tree will grow in any well-drained, good soil, it thrives in deep, rich loam.

Gladiolus bulbs (corms) that were planted early in the season have developed strong growth, and are now producing their long spikes of large, brilliantly-coloured flowers. In dry weather these plants will be greatly benefited by receiving an occasional watering of weak liquid manure at the roots. As soon as the flower spikes of those that were more recently planted have grown about 15 inches high tie them to neat stakes to keep them upright, and to prevent injury from wind. If any gladiolus bulbs still remain in the storeroom plant them without further delay. Should the ground where it is proposed to grow them be lacking in fertility, a light dressing of bonedust, thoroughly incorporated with the soil, will give the necessary reinforcement.

Cannas that received unlimited supplies of water during the growing period, are now freely producing their large, handsome spikes of singularly showy flowers. To keep these plants in that condition the watering must still be on a liberal scale in dry, hot weather. Not only will the flowering period be prolonged if each old stem is removed immediately it has ceased to produce flowers, but the vigour of the plants will be maintained throughout the season.

FRUIT GARDEN.

By the recent rainfall fruit trees and fruit-bearing plants have been greatly benefited, more particularly the late ripening varieties, and now there are good prospects of some fine crops of fruit in the autumn. Now that the sap is more abundant in stone fruit trees than for some time past, and the bark is separating easily from the wood, budding may be commenced. Any healthy, established stone fruit trees, as, for example, peaches, that are not bearing satisfactorily, may be improved by inserting on their branches buds taken from well-tried superior varieties that are suitable to the soil and district. Any suckers that have developed from the roots of established fruit trees should be carefully pulled up whilst they are young, for if left to grow they will not only take much of the nourishment that ought to go to the development of the fruit, but will interfere with the proper working of the land. Although fruit trees generally have not developed such vigorous growth this season as has been seen in former years, still it is advisable, particularly with young trees, to summer prune them skilfully, for that conduces not only to their longevity and the earlier formation of symmetrical heads, but to a much sooner development of fruit-bearing wood. Where bandages are used on the trunks of apples, pear, and quince trees to trap the larvae of the codlin moth they should be examined at least once every ten days, and any of these pests that are found should be promptly destroyed, and the bandages replaced. Apple trees that are affected with the American blight or woolly aphis should receive prompt attention, and reliable remedies should be applied to keep this pest in check.

VEGETABLE GARDEN.

One of the principal sowings of the season should now be made of seed of cabbage, broccoli, and cauliflower, in order to provide plants for the main autumn and winter crops. On well-prepared seed beds composed of rich soil, or that which has been made fertile by the addition of thoroughly decayed manure, sow the seeds very thinly and evenly, and leave them only lightly covered with a mulch of decayed fine vegetable matter. Then water the bed through a fine rose watering can, and continue doing this two or three times a week, according to the state of the weather. The resulting seedlings must never be allowed to suffer from the want of moisture at the roots, or they will become stunted in growth and produce inferior vegetables. Some of the best varieties of cabbage to grow for general cropping are, East Ham, West Ham, Enfield Market, Improved St. John's Day, London Market, Sugar-loaf, and Succession. Three good varieties of broccoli are, Adams' Early White, Knight's Protecting and Walcheren. Three very fine varieties of cauliflower are, Early London, Veitch's Autumn Giant, and White Queen. Continue to make additional sowings of seeds, in quantities according to requirements, of those vegetables advised for sowing last month, so that there will be no break in the continuity of supplies of good esculents. Tomato plants that are carrying large crops of developing fruit should receive liberal supplies of water at the roots, and occasionally overhead, in dry, hot weather. More well-rooted, vigorous seedlings may now be planted to provide a crop later in the season.

THE CHURCHES.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

The churches will celebrate Christmas, as in past years, with special services. At St. Andrew's Cathedral there will be early celebrations at 7 and 8.15 a.m., with Mattins at 10.30, at which Woodward's Te Deum will be sung, followed by Choral communion (Massey in F) at 11 a.m. Music from Handel's "Messiah" has been chosen as the anthem, including the chorus, "Glory to God in the Highest." The Archbishop will be the preacher. Carols will be sung at evensong, when a special arrangement of Gounod's "Nazareth" will be rendered as the anthem. An intercession service for the forces at the front will be held at 6 p.m.

An organ recital will be given at St. Andrew's Cathedral on Sunday afternoon. Mr Joseph Massey will play appropriate selections from the great masters, including Mendelssohn's "Athalie," "March of the Magi" (Dubois), and his own Christmas Fantasie. The Cathedral choristers will sing several carols at the close of the recital and again at evensong.

Both the precentor, the Rev. E. N. Wilton, and the organist have received gratifying testimony from Cathedral worshippers and music lovers of the high standard set by the choir in the rendering of Spohr's oratorio, "The Last Judgment," last Sunday. A notable success was achieved both in completeness of detail and all round excellence, and it is acknowledged that no finer presentation of Spohr's appealing music has ever been heard in the history of the Cathedral.

One of the most popular of the selection of carols sung at St. Andrew's Cathedral is the quaint but expressive "Three Doves came out of the Eastern Sky." The words are by the Rev. T. Hilhouse Taylor, and the music by the Cathedral organist. The story of the Nativity is told in simple but charming music, which rarely fails to appeal to the hearts of the listeners. Mr. R. Robinson, who sang the solo in this carol last evening, is a Cathedral tenor of considerable promise. Dr. Mervyn Archdall whose name has also been associated with this and other important tenor solo work at the Cathedral, is the younger son of Canon Archdall, and a brother of the Very Rev. H. K. Archdall, Dean of Newcastle. The "Three Doves" will again be heard to-morrow evening.

At St. Mary's Cathedral to-day Mass will be celebrated every half-hour from 6 o'clock until 10 o'clock. At 11 o'clock High Mass will be celebrated, at which Archbishop Kelly will deliver a sermon. Father G. E. Herlihy will preach in the evening. The choir, under the conductorship of Mr. W. Asprey, will render Beethoven's Mass in C, and as usual the "Adeste Fideles." There will be a full orchestra, led by Mr. Henri Staell, and Mr. Dawkins will preside at the organ. On the last Sunday of the year the "Te Deum" will be intoned as usual in the Cathedral, at the evening devotion followed by Benediction. This year, as usual, the mystic "Crib of Bethlehem," devotionally depicted in the Cathedral, is sure to attract thousands of devout parishioners. The rude stable in which the Redeemer was born, is realistic in its proportions, while the life-size figures of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, and the shepherds present a setting impressive in its entirety.

Solemn High Mass will be celebrated at St. Patrick's, Church-hill, at 11 o'clock this morning. The music (Merradante's Mass) will be rendered by a full choir, under the conductorship of Mr. W. M'Carthy, and Mr. W. J. Caspers will preside at the organ. In the evening solemn devotions and Benediction will be held.

THE CHURCHES AND TEMPERANCE REFORM.

"The language of contrast," writes Archdeacon Gunther, "is always suggestive. What contrasts might be instituted between the statesmen of England and the legislators of New South Wales. The former have certainly realised what an enemy alcohol is to the moral wellbeing of the people; what a menace and grave danger it is to the country. Their efforts have been largely appreciated, and warmly supported by the Temperance Council of the Churches of England and Wales—the body which represents the temperance organisations of eleven Christian denominations. An appeal was made to the British people to free the land from the curse of intemperance, and is signed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Cardinal Bourne of Westminster, the Rev. W. B. Selbie (on behalf of the Free Churches), and General Booth. How pleasant it is to hear of this united action, and of the success which has attended the appeal. What a terrible responsibility rests upon our Government in closing the session of Parliament without legislating on the liquor traffic. The Churches were ready to stand by the Government."

EVANGELICAL COUNCIL OF N.S.W.

The Evangelical Council, in co-operation with the World's Evangelical Council, has made arrangements for the world-wide week of prayer, as far as New South Wales is concerned. The week commences on Sunday, January 2, 1916, and all ministers are urged to recognise that day as "the call to prayer," with special supplication in connection with the war. Texts for sermons or addresses are also suggested. The topic for Monday, January 3, is "Humiliation and Confession," and deals with the neglect and secularising of the Lord's Day, the evils of the drink traffic, gambling, and prize fights, and the absorption of the masses of the people in pleasure. The discussion on Tuesday will deal with nations and their rulers, and on Wednesday special consideration will be given to the men at the front and in the fleets, and the work being done for them by Christian and philanthropic agencies. The subject for Thursday deals with a fuller consecration of Christian people in the family and in the individual, and that for Friday treats of mission efforts at home and abroad, and revival everywhere—in great cities and scattered populations, as well as in the foreign field. Copies of the arrangements and programmes have been sent to Ministers in all parts of the State, so that attention will be drawn to and prayers offered in practically all churches with regard to the subjects being dealt with. Local committees in various parts will hold united meetings during the first week of the year, and central midday meetings will be held each day from Monday to Friday in the Y.M.C.A. rooms, in Pitt-street.

SALVATION ARMY IN JAPAN.

The Salvation Army appears to be making headway in the East. Last month a band of pioneer officers left London for China. In Japan the Army is at work, apparently with good results. Commissioner Whatmore's visit to the East has been an interesting and valuable experience (says "All the World"). At the public reception in Tokio he received a rousing welcome. "In connection with this meeting an enrolment of soldiers and recruits was arranged. It was an inspiring sight to see new soldiers march in companies behind our Army flag, with the officers and local officers of their corps. The 230 new Salvationists at this meeting represented but a small portion only of the total of new soldiers recently added to our rolls in Japan as a result of the One Soul campaign. The figures are as follows:—In Tokio, 398; in other parts of Japan, 551; or a grand total of 949."

The Rev. B. P. Brazier, late of St. Andrew's Church, South Brisbane, and Mrs. Brazier, left on Wednesday for Norfolk Island, where Mr. Brazier is to act as chaplain.

The Rev. A. J. Mills, formerly assistant priest of St. Saviour's, Redfern, who for some months past has been working in the diocese of Adelaide, is at present in Sydney owing to the illness of his mother.

The Rev. J. D. Packard, late chaplain of Yarrabah, is lying seriously ill at the Dalby Sanatorium, Queensland.

The Rev. R. North, who has been assisting Canon Kemmis in the work of the Glen Innes parish, for the past two years, has been appointed to Little Plain.

Canon Pitt, of Hay, has gone to Broken Hill during the vacancy of the parish. The Rev. R. E. O. Finger, curate at Tocumwal, is giving help to the Bishop of Riverina at Hay during the vicar's absence.

Father Lynch, C.SS.R., has returned to Sydney from the Philippine Islands.

The Rev. G. M'Laren Scott will be inducted to the charge of Corowa by the Presbytery of Wagga during the second week of January.

The Rev. W. Finlay Brown, formerly of Parkes, has been inducted to the charge of Taralga.

The Rev. D. L. Paterson and Mrs. Paterson, Presbyterian missionaries, on the island of Malo, in the New Hebrides, expect to leave the New Hebrides for their short furlough on January 4, reaching Sydney about the middle of the month.

The Rev. G. A. Gordon, B.A., of Petersham, who has been appointed chaplain on a troopship, sailed from Sydney this week.

The Rev. Moses Henry, minister of the Presbyterian church at Gulargambone, is resigning that charge at the end of the year.

The Presbytery of Hamilton (Vic.) has sustained the call to the Rev. R. C. Foyster, of Broadford, near Melbourne, to the pastorate of the Hamilton Presbyterian Church, in succession to the Rev. J. A. Barber, who resigned that charge to become minister of Woollahra Presbyterian Church. The Hamilton congregation is one of the largest and most important in the Presbyterian denomination in the southern State. The Rev. R. C. Foyster has had a distinguished scholastic career, both as a student of the Melbourne University and Ormond Theological Hall. He won the degree of M.A. at the former institution, and recently that of B.D. was awarded to him by the Melbourne College of Divinity.

The president of the Methodist Conference (the Rev. Jos. Woodhouse) has sent out a circular to the superintendents of all Methodist circuits in New South Wales, enclosing a copy of the joint appeal from the heads of the Churches, regarding the observance of Sunday, January 2nd, as a day of united intercession for the Empire. Mr. Woodhouse requests that arrangements be made for the appeal to be read in the congregations, and special prayers offered.

The congregation of the Bangalow Methodist Church, which was recently wrecked during a storm, had been looking forward to an early extinction of the debt, this having by diligent and generous efforts been reduced to about £100. They are not discouraged by the disaster that has befallen them, but have already commenced straightening up the debris. After the holidays they will face the re-building. The members of the Presbyterian and Church of Christ bodies have placed their buildings at the disposal of the Methodists for such services and meetings as do not clash with theirs.

The new Methodist Church at West Ryde was opened on Saturday week, by Rev. J. G. M. Taylor. On Sunday evening the Rev. B. Lane was the preacher, and on Monday evening, the Rev. Dr. Bromilow gave the special address at the social meeting held to conclude the celebration.

The Rev. I. Weir, a retired Queensland Methodist minister, who resides at Katoomba, has been confined to his room for five weeks by a severe illness from which he has only partially recovered.

The New Britain Methodist District Synod has recommended to the New South Wales conference for acceptance as a candidate for the ministry, a native born teacher, who has been engaged in mission work for over 20 years. He is the first New Britain native to be nominated for the ministry since the opening of the mission in 1875.

The Rev. H. L. Curnow, pastor of the Salisbury (S.A.) Congregational Church, is about to pay a visit to Sydney in January. He will supply some of the Congregational pulpits in this State.

The Rev. T. D. Whalley, of Western Australia, has received a call to the Port Adelaide Congregational Church.

The Rev. W. T. Hooker, who has been in charge of the Congregational churches at Kurri Kurri and Pelaw-Main for some time, left during the week to take the pastorate of the Gerringong Church.

The Rev. Joseph Robertson, of Ipswich, Queensland, is on a visit to Sydney.

The Rev. J. Hadfield, of the London Missionary Society's station at Lifu, in the Loyalty Islands, left on Thursday on a visit to New Zealand.

After a ministry of 14 years, the Rev. Alexander Gordon, M.A., will leave the Armadale (Vic.) Baptist Church to take charge of the new Baptist College in Sydney at the beginning of the new year.

At the parish hall, St. Paul's, Redfern, last Thursday evening Major Rook, who has been for some time connected with the St. George's Rifles, was entertained by the parishioners of St. Paul's. Major Rook is a warden of the church, and presentations were made to him from the rector, Archdeacon Boyce, members of the choir, and the Young Women's Guild.

The old day school attached to St. Paul's, Redfern, which was established in 1854, was closed last Friday for the Christmas holidays. The prizes were presented by Mr. James Farr, and Archdeacon Boyce eulogised the work of the teachers and the objects of the school. It was, he said, the desire of those connected with the institution not only to give a good secular education, but to form the character of the children on the proper lines, which was of vital importance. The school was opened each morning with prayer, and the results of their methods had justified education on such lines. A presentation was made by the scholars to the principal, Miss Gertrude Lane.

The Church Missionary Association Summer School at Wollongong, from January 1 to 8, will provide a great opportunity for Church people to pray and take counsel together with regard to the great work of world evangelisation.

Sir Robert Laidlaw, treasurer of the London Missionary Society, died in London last month.

Mr. James J. Virgo, secretary of the Y.M.C.A. in London, writing to a friend in Sydney about his work, says: "We have 80 huts in France. I have been to Egypt and started several huts there also. We have altogether over 1000 centres with the soldiers. Work is the best salve for sorrow, and I am therefore throwing myself into it more than ever. It is very uncanny, when addressing an audience, to have one's remarks punctuated by the rattle and crash of cannon."

The Sydney Y.M.C.A. has placed a tent and equipment in the Warren (Marrickville) Artillery Camp. This makes six equipments in the local camps of New South Wales, and the association is supporting one secretary in Egypt.

The Y.M.C.A. representative in the Liverpool tent will distribute Christmas dainties to troops who are not on leave at Christmas time, so that their enforced stay in camp will be made brighter.

One of the chief objects of the Presbyterian Elders' Association for some years has been the giving of religious instruction in Public schools, and in this matter it has been very successful (writes a correspondent). It seems gradually being realised that this work should be mainly in the hands of the laity, as ministers are often called upon for other duties, and the school work is neglected. The opportunities of giving lessons in the schools are liberal and should be availed of more fully. The association teacher, Mr. P. D. McCormick, has just concluded the lessons for the year, the pupils being awarded prizes according to marks gained at the annual examination. Mr. W. S. Park attended at the Fort-street Model School, and delivered an excellent address to the senior and junior classes of girls.

Miss Ruby McIntosh of Chatswood, will leave Sydney for China next month to work under the auspices of the Church Missionary Association. Her sister, Miss Maud McIntosh, has been in China for about 12 months. The two will work in the province of Chekiang.

The members and friends of the choir of St. Michael's Church of England, Surry Hills, made a presentation last week to Mr. J. Walker, who has held the position of choirmaster for many years.

Pastor J. Jones, of the Seventh Day Adventists, who is a well-known Pacific Island missionary, now in Australia, possesses a wonderful capacity for languages. He was formerly a sea-captain, and this has enabled him to go about among the numerous islands in a way that no landsman could attempt. He is able to speak about 20 different Island languages and dialects.

The Public Morals Committee of the Congregational Union of N.S.W. has resolved to bring under the notice of their churches the new legislation passed in South Australia making it illegal to sell liquor to any person under the age of 21 years, and to ask that influence be exerted to create public opinion favourable to this reform in New South Wales. It has also been agreed to bring the matter before the N.S.W. Temperance Alliance, inviting that body to foster and plan this desired reform. It is confidently believed that if alcohol were not served to those under 21 it would considerably help to solve some of our most pressing social and national problems.

A little book, containing six Australian Christmas carols, composed by the Rev. W. H. H. Yarrington, M.A., LL.B., has just been published. The carols, which are specially intended for children and Sunday-schools, are in the same metre as "Sweet Beulah Land" and other popular hymns.

In all probability the Evangelic, a ketch-rigged yacht, built to the order of the South Sea Evangelical Mission, of which Miss F. S. H. Young is the secretary in Sydney, will leave for the Solomon Islands to-day. The vessel is for the use of Dr. Northcote Deck, in visiting out stations, which number 78. Dr. Deck has about 17 white missionaries with him in the Solomon Islands. This mission is already being served by three boats, which were sent from Sydney. Built by Mr. W. Holmes, of Lavender Bay, the Evangelic is a smart-looking craft of 30 tons register. The measurements are: Length, 70 feet; beam, 17 feet; depth, 7 feet 6 inches. On Tuesday afternoon Messrs. Nelson and Robertson, who fitted up the mission yacht, with a Skandia 40-horse-power oil engine, had the vessel out for a trial trip on the harbour. Using crude oil, a speed of eight knots was registered.

AN EDEN HIGHWAY.

A road to the border of this State, in the vicinity of Eden, has just been completed by the Victorian Roads Board at an expenditure of nearly £50,000, and the Minister in charge of Local Government has been asked that the New South Wales coastal road should be extended from Eden to connect at the border with the new Gippsland-road. The estimated cost of the proposed extension, which includes a bridge over the Kiah River, is about £30,000. Mr. Griffith has arranged to motor to Eden and traverse the route of the proposed road on horseback. The Minister intends to return along the coastal road to Sydney, so that he may meet a number of deputations of shire councillors.

MAID MARJORY.

BY L. G. MOBERLY.

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CHAPTER I.—Continued.

"Why should she wonder where you are? You've often stayed up here before; that window seat is almost your property. How often have you sat curled up there with a book when you were little, and even as you got bigger? Do you remember the day when you first came?" he ended abruptly.

"I shan't ever forget about your finding me," she answered simply. "I can't remember anything that evening until I found myself on the doorstep here. Everything before that was like a great black darkness, very hideous, very dreadful. I only know I was frightened, frightened all the time, and that I had been running about terrible streets, and was very lonely, very miserable. I have an idea that somebody had been unkind to me, and that I was frightened. But I don't really remember anything till I found myself sitting on your doorstep, and you were bending over me, and asking me who I was and what was the matter."

"You poor little mite, you looked so white and pitiful, and so frightened. You couldn't even tell me your name, you kept on repeating over and over again, 'mummy calls me Meg. Mummy calls me Meg.' And I brought you in here and called Mrs. Crump, and——"

"And you've both been perfect angels to me ever since," Meg interrupted. "I wish I could have remembered anything more about myself, but I can't. I never could remember any details. Only sometimes I get fleeting memories of somebody very gentle and sweet, somebody I called mummy. Of course, that must have been my mother; and I wish I could remember her clearly. I can't tell you how much I wish that. But all the fear and the misery that must have gone before that evening you found me on your doorstep seem to have blotted out from my mind every remembrance of my child days. It seems strange that nobody ever answered your advertisements," she added, a little wistfully.

"Very odd," Naldrett answered. "The whole thing was most incomprehensible. You had evidently walked and run miles and miles, your shoes were worn through, your feet were cut and bleeding, you were half starved. I shall never forget how ravenously you ate what Mrs. Crump gave you. Obviously you had been through great privations, and you were in abject terror—you must have been badly treated in some way."

"I have a nightmare sensation of ill-treatment," the girl said, her eyes darkening with the thought of that long past misery. "I don't suppose I shall ever know what happened. But you and Mrs. Crump made up to me for everything. What angels you both were to me. How wonderful it was of you, a young medical student, to adopt a tiresome little stray girl who could tell him nothing about herself, and whose people never answered a single advertisement about her. I can't help often wondering still who I really am."

"I wonder, too." Dan Naldrett looked at her dreamily and absorbedly. "But I suppose we never shall know now. If there had been anybody looking for you, they must have seen my advertisements; they could not have missed them. No, Meg, we must reconcile ourselves to going on in ignorance. We are just two lonely souls, you and I—nobodies from nowhere."

"Anyhow, you have got a name," Meg said. "And I have not even got that. Why did you call me Deane?"

"Because we had to call you something, and I couldn't stand calling you Crump, as Mrs. Crump suggested, so we decided to take her maiden name and called you Deane. And I am afraid we gave you a very ramshackle sort of bringing up," he added ruefully.

"I have had such a great deal of happiness," was the prompt reply; "what does the ramshackle bringing up matter? Everybody is too good to me, and I have had such a lot of love!"

"You'll always get that," Naldrett answered, and again the new note of tenderness observable before crept into his voice. "Meg, I wonder if you know what a very great deal of it you have already."

"Why, yes," she began, eagerly, lifting her eyes, only to drop them again as she surprised the passionate light in his. "I—I think I must go back to Mrs. Crump now," she faltered, shrinking away from the young doctor, her heart beating quickly, a little frightened feeling thrilling along her nerves.

"Don't be frightened of me." Dan drew her gently towards him. "I know I've been only a guardian to you all these ten years, and until to-day I have only thought about you as a little girl—my little girl that I loved, my little girl who was my best comforter. But it is just as if scales had dropped from my eyes. To-day I know that you are something more than my ward, more than the little girl I brought in. To-day I know you are the woman I want for my wife."

"Oh!" she gasped, trying vainly to draw herself from him, and shrinking back as he drew her closer, whispering:

"Won't you do what I want, Meg? Won't you marry me and help me to start afresh? I know I'm an utter rotter, but you could make me do anything. You can do more with me now than anybody else in the world could ever do, and if you were my wife you could help me a thousand times more. Even when you were a little kid you helped me, there's something so strong about you, something so splendid. And now, and now"—his voice broke—"if you would marry me I would turn over a new leaf. I promise you I would begin again, and be something quite different. I love you, little Meg; when you are near me you make me feel better. If you married me I could be a good man; you would be the saving of me, and I'd give up being a rotter. I'd pull up and begin again if only you would be my wife."

CHAPTER II.
MEG'S REPLY.

"Your wife!" Meg's eyes looked at him with an expression of dazed bewilderment. "Oh, but I never thought—I could be your wife!"

"Couldn't you care about me enough?" he asked, and there was a note of appeal in his voice which went to the girl's heart. "I know I'm a beast, I know I'm not fit to touch a little, pure, lovely thing like you. But you can make me good. Meg, even at my worst, you have always helped me, and with you as my wife I could fight the drink fiend, I could stop being the drunken brute I make of myself now. Won't you do what I ask?"

His words poured out tumultuously, and his terrible earnestness had its due effect upon Meg.

"If I could really help you," she faltered, "but——"

"You could really help me," he interrupted. "Don't you know that what I say is true; you have helped me since you first came here as a little child? You could always make me ashamed. When your eyes look at me, your sweet, innocent eyes, they make me want to do better."

In a lightning flash the girl's thoughts went back over the ten years she had spent in the lodging-house under Naldrett's care, and she remembered those many days, those many evenings, when her guardian had staggered home, talking thickly and incoherently and laughing foolish, maudlin laughter; and the days when he had sunk into his armchair in a heavy sleep, others again when he had bemoaned his own weakness in a passion of despair, and raced against fate with a fierceness that had frightened her both in her childhood and her girlhood days.

Her favourite abiding place had always been the corner of the old-fashioned window seat in Naldrett's sitting room; here she had been wont to sit curled up for hours with her book or needlework, and here she had been the recipient of many of the young doctor's remorseful outpourings. For many years she had exercised a curiously soothing and controlling power over him, but of late she fancied her power had lessened, and she had been reluctantly obliged to agree with Mrs. Crump when that good woman declared that Dan Naldrett was becoming worse instead of better with the passing years.

"I don't think I have helped you much lately," she said, very gently, in response to his last words, drawing herself quite away from his restraining hands; "I wish I could, oh, I wish I could."

"I'm going to the devil as fast as I can go," he said bitterly, his heavy eyes looking gloomily into hers, though he did not come near her or touch her; "why can't I keep away from this cursed drink? It's always too strong for me. I feel as if I were possessed by a devil and I cannot get myself free."

"Mr. Dan," the girl answered softly, "why don't you try and cast the devil out? Why don't you make a huge effort? Why do you go on drinking when you know it hurts you?"

He laughed harshly.

"Because I'm a weak fool, that's why. Don't you know I'm as weak as water? I tell you the drink gets hold of me; nobody who hasn't been got hold of by it knows what it's like. It binds you. I can't keep away from it. You don't know—a good woman doesn't know what it means to have a devil like that tugging at your very soul. I can't get away from the drink. I feel mad for it. I tell you when the craving comes, it is like being possessed by a devil."

"Then to turn him out you've got to find something stronger than the devil," Meg said simply. "You couldn't conquer it—I think like that with your own strength—nobody could. But, oh! why don't you, why don't you try, Mr. Dan, why don't you ask for the strength that's waiting for you? The drink is spoiling all your life and your work, and they ought to be so helpful and so splendid for other people. And I—can't bear to see it when you—drink."

(To be continued.)

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MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

MUNICIPALITY OF DRUMMOYNE.
EXTRAORDINARY VACANCY, EAST WARD.
NOTICE is hereby given that the following Gentlemen have this day been duly nominated as Candidates for the Extraordinary Vacancy in the East Ward of this Municipality, caused by the death of Alderman G. A. Richards, M.L.A.:—
JOHN ENGLISH, Hotelkeeper, Bridge-street, Drummoyne.
JACOB HENLEY, Grocer, Alexandra-street, Drummoyne.
JAMES NEILD, Contractor, Alexandra-street, Drummoyne.
A POLL will be taken on WEDNESDAY, the 5th day of January, 1916, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., at the following places:—
Oddfellows' Hall, Bridge-street, Drummoyne.
Town Hall, Sydney (Druitt-street entrance).
The Declaration of the Poll will be made at the Town Hall, Lyons-road, at 7 p.m. on the above date.
C. E. MORGAN,
Town Clerk and Returning Officer.
Town Hall, Drummoyne,
December 24, 1915.

ON THE LAND.

FARM AND STATION.

AN OLD BUSH CHRISTMAS.

(BY R.C.D.)

It generally happened to be dry, and it was almost invariably hot; one of the record-breaking days of the summer. Holly and mistletoe were not to be seen outside the covers of the glossy leaved Christmas numbers sent us by relations who lived more luxuriously "inside," but, though many of the usual accessories were often lacking, the Christmas spirit of goodwill abounded. The evergreen jokes and constant chaffing sounded from the verandah or under the pile-built house, and it was almost a sacred rite that everyone cut everyone else's hair and growled about the scissors and the hair that fell down one's neck. The big canvas water-bag and the hanging cooler with the necks of bottles peeping from it were patronised, and we swapped the things again that we had been swapping all through the year with an added or lessened amount of "boot."

The gentler members of the household were usually distrait until dinner was swinging along gaily. For days before there had been unwonted activity in the kitchen regions, and everyone had been too wrapped up in the preparations to care about anything outside. The big store ham occupied the boiler that required a Sandow to lift it. The fatted turkey was killed if there happened to be such a thing within miles, and, if not, something else was butchered to make a Roman holiday. The weary housewife was to be heard moving about at intervals the night before, not filling the Christmas stockings, but moving the jelly to any odd corner where there might be a breeze, and peeping anxiously at the marooned delicacies perched on islands in dishes of water to keep them from the onslaughts of the tiny black ants.

If Christmas Day and mail day came together our cup was full to the brim. Everyone watched for the sight of the mailman's lean figure jogging along, dragging a laden pack horse at the end of a long halter. The dwellers inside, who always have had a daily, or even twice daily, delivery little know the bliss of opening the sweat-stained canvas bag with ancient patches of chipped sealing wax over it, and a battered padlock dangling from its neck. After the rush of sorting a hush fell over the homestead, the girls drifted away with their parcels, rubbed from much jolting and jostling in the bag, and the men retreated to where they would be safe from ribald comment to open the parcels of ties and handkerchiefs sent them by the best girls of the moment.

The dining-room became hotter and hotter. Flies buzzed joyously about the room and had to be energetically hunted from the table by waving table napkins. But these things did not interfere with the serious business at hand. Being at heart a conservative people we heroically eat steaming viands and smoking hot plum pudding—perhaps to show that we in the Land of the Flaming Sun did not forget. A somnolent two hours followed and then we bestirred ourselves to be entertaining. Some of the gathering had to catch their horses and start on the homeward trek, but for the most part we stayed to tea and afterwards someone would wander to the piano and everybody sang. Sometimes a rousing chorus woke the echoes in the belar scrub; sometimes we danced to a lilting waltz on the verandah, which was far from an ideal dancing floor; and sometimes a couple wandered away to the corner where the passion vine grew over the big tank stand, and the scent of the nicotiana filled the air with its haunting fragrance.

A never-to-be-forgotten Christmas was a dinner given in the scrub. The host of the day was a bachelor who "did" for himself, and whose residence was rather like a Noah's Ark lost in a forest of belar. He invited all the district, and all the district went, in spite of the fact that the road was a memory, where it was not a range of miniature alps from the bullock teams which had been through with timber in the rains. It was 117 degrees of heat on the verandah of one of the coolest houses in the district that day. What it was in the scrub no man will ever know. Even had the house been composed of the strongest elastic it could not have accommodated us, so our host had built a long mia mia, covered with boughs and borrowed tent-flies. The heat and colour of his face far outshone a boiled lobster, but, though perspiring, he radiated happiness and good will. He summoned one of the ladies of the party, who was a noted cook, into the cook-house to make the gravy, which he informed us he had "never tackled," and formed a guard of able-bodied men to fetch and carry.

The day certainly left something to be desired—but the dinner nothing. The poultry, bought and strayed, was perfectly browned, the gravy, which had to be served in a vegetable dish, was delicious, and so were all the other branches. Our dining table was built of planks, and we sat along it like children at a school feast. It may have been the impromptu nature of it all, the height of the temperature, or the goodness of the cooking, but never have I seen such an amazing quantity of food vanish in such an amazingly short time. Perhaps our host's greatest achievement was the coolness of the liquid part of the dinner. The bottles had been standing in tubs of water and covered with wet bags, and the contents bubbled from the necks of the bottles as cool as though from a cellar.

The heat of the afternoon was indescribable, but later the red sun slipped down behind the wall of the feathery belars, and horses were saddled and harnessed, and everybody said goodbye several times over, and we drove off singing, "For he's a jolly good fellow," until a flock of cockatoos might have envied us. The sun sank in a "golden glory," and the greyness of the scrub floated imperceptibly into soft black. The homing cries of the birds were hushed. Sometimes a hare scuttled across the track, a plover darted away with shrill frightened cries, and crickets drowsed in the stillness to drop into cautious silence as horses' hoofs beat along the earth. Fainter than the stirring of leaves at dawn, a hint of coolness passed along, perhaps from the wings of the great moth of the night silently flying by. The tiny agitated twitter of the "scrub canary" sounded here and there, and the mournful plaint of curlews wailing the requiem of another Christmas Day.

THE WOOL TRADE.

SPLENDID HALF-YEAR.

Auctions closed last week in the Sydney wool market for the first half of the current statistical year; but sales by private treaty of passed-in lots and of local scoureds continued up to Thursday last. Since then the holiday recess has been entered upon, and there will be a discontinuance of private sales till public business is resumed on Monday, January 17. There has been a fair demand for wools ex-catalogues, and clearances have been effected in most cases at advances on the auction bids, including medium and inferior descriptions, which had been held over for several weeks. Local scoureds have also been in request at late full rates; and altogether the 1915-16 Christmas-New Year recess is commencing under the most favourable auspices.

When the weekly selling season began the prospects were not too encouraging; faulty wools were prevalent in the offerings, and values sagged for all descriptions; 31,224 bales were offered, and only 19,053 were sold at auction during the week ended September 17. Sixty-four's tops that were quoted at 43½d on September 3 were down to 40d within a fortnight. The outlook for such ample offerings was not too bright, and lighter supplies were put on the market, the limit being put at 25,000 bales per week, instead of 30,000. This had a salutary effect; well-grown greasy merinos hardened, and an excited demand set in for crossbreds. Bradford top quotations for merino qualities declined, but crossbreds pretty well held their own. The selections improved, and catalogues were more carefully prepared to suit the demand. As a consequence of the conservative policy with regard to the offerings, and the endeavour to catalogue as large a proportion of well-grown wools, free, or nearly free, as possible, the market was tested thoroughly. The demand gradually broadened, and as soon as it was apparent that the consuming side could absorb large quantities, not only at firm but at hardening rates, the limit returned to the 30,000 bales per week, and still later to 35,000 bales, which was really the limit of the capacity of buyers to value as well as the brokers to catalogue satisfactorily on the four selling days.

Briefly, those were the conditions under which the Sydney market was developed this season. Prior to entering upon the disposal of the new clip a proportion of last season's production had to be dealt with. Burry, drought-stricken wools hung fire. Still, in spite of that drawback, there was a capital representation of suitable wools to catalogue, especially when the flocks on the tablelands came to be shorn. Side by side with the attractive selections came a continually improving demand, till both merino and crossbred commanded record values. It was under these conditions that 375,000 odd bales have been catalogued since July 1 last, and 378,000 bales sold at auction and by private treaty. Good to super greasy wools improved 15 to 20 per cent., and medium 15 per cent. Scoured did not respond so readily as greasy merinos; more recently, however, scoured came into favour, and rose in sympathy with greasy. Already it is estimated that the average value per bale is somewhere within the region of £14/10/, which gives a total of £5,482,319 for the first half of the year.

All the factors at present point to a continuance of the high rates ruling at the close of the auctions. The roster for the Sydney sales provides for a week's series opening January 17, an adjournment from January 20 to January 31, and thence weekly sales to March 9. About 249,000 bales are likely to be in store by the end of next week. Rates current for the principal descriptions of staple may be given as follows:—

GREASY MERINO.

Description.	Super. d.	Good. d.	Medium. d.	Inferior. d.
Fleece	17 to 20½	14 to 16	11 to 13	8 to 9
Bkn. and pcs	13½ to 16½	10½ to 13	7 to 9	4 to 6
Bellies	9½ to 12	7 to 8½	5 to 6	3 to 4½
Locks	4 to 5½	2½ to 3½	1½ to 2½	1¼ to 1½
Lambs	13 to 14	10½ to 12	7½ to 9½	2½ to 6½

GREASY CROSSBRED.

Fine	17 to 21	14 to 16½	11 to 13	7 to 10
Medium	16 to 18	13 to 15	10 to 12	7 to 9
Coarse	15 to 17	11 to 13	8½ to 10	6 to 7
Lambs	13 to 15½	10½ to 12	7½ to 9	5 to 6½

SCOURED MERINO.

Fleece	24 to 28½	20 to 22	17 to 19	13½ to 16
Bkn pcs. ..	19 to 21	16½ to 18	13 to 15	7 to 11
Bellies	18 to 22½	14 to 17	11 to 13	8 to 9
Locks	15 to 20½	12 to 14	8 to 10	5 to 7

INTERSTATE MARKETS.

There has been a complete absence of auctions in interstate markets during the week, and there will be no resumption of public sales in the principal centres till Monday, January 17, when both Sydney and Melbourne will enter upon the disposal of the balance of the clip. In the interval, however, the usual Tasmanian sales will take place in Hobart and Launceston, during the second week in the new year; when good catalogues, although not so large as in January last, will be offered.

It is estimated that some 130,000 bales will be available for the second series of sales in Victoria, amount to about 90,000 bales in Melbourne and 40,000 in Geelong, as compared with an aggregate of 243,722 bales submitted in Victoria during the six months ended June 30 last.

The first auctions in the new year in Brisbane will open on January 25, when from 30,000 to 35,000 bales will be catalogued. That fixture will be followed by three series, closing on June 15. It is estimated that in the four Brisbane series, during the second half of the current statistical year, about 122,000 bales will be catalogued. The dates for the four series of sales are:—January 25 to 27, March 14 to 16, May 2 to 5, and June 13 to 15.

The quantity of wool catalogued and sold by auction and private treaty in the four centres compares with the corresponding period last year as follows:—

	Season, 1915-16. Cat'ld. Bales.	Season, 1915-16. Sold. Bales.	Season 1914-15. Cat'ld. Bales.	Season 1914-15. Sold. Bales.
Sydney	375,678	278,001	136,450	125,753
Victoria	195,026	177,184	141,543	124,215
Brisbane	177,489	165,912	63,718	54,555
Adelaide	105,074	98,301	62,834	56,425
Totals	853,217	818,628	407,554	360,948
Increase	445,663	457,680		

OFFERINGS AND SALES.

The wool catalogued and sold in the Sydney market by the various brokers, with total sales to the corresponding period last season, has been as follows:—

Selling Brokers.	Catalogued.	Sold at auction.	Total sales.	Correspond-ing period last year.
	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.
A.M.L. and F. Co., Ltd. ..	27,446	26,290	26,830	8,678
J. Bridge and Co., Ltd. ..	33,700	25,054	32,467	9,153
Co-op. W. and P. Co., Ld.	25,204	19,278	24,156	18,156
Country P.S. Co., Ld.	18,220	13,626	18,697	6,783
Dalgety and Co., Ld.	46,726	36,311	45,403	12,271
Goldsbrough, M., Ld.	27,671	22,378	26,406	9,656
Harrison, J. and D., Ld. ..	27,150	21,388	34,000	11,791
Hill, Clark, Ld.	16,060	12,661	16,830	3,986
N.Z.L. and M.A. Co., Ld.	24,664	19,656	23,664	8,945
Pastoral F. A., Ld.	38,585	31,405	37,660	8,793
Pitt, Son, B., Ld.	21,479	17,278	20,472	8,060
Schute, R., Ld.	20,887	17,450	20,400	6,769
Winchcombe, C., Ld.	47,244	37,393	51,147	13,266
Totals since July 1 last ..	375,678	296,172	378,091	125,753
Crspndg. period last year	136,450	89,647	125,753	—
Increase	239,219	206,525	252,338	—

BRADFORD TOPS FIRM.

According to our cable of yesterday's date, the Bradford top market is firm, and quotations for all qualities are unchanged on last week's prices. The course of prices since the end of October has been as follows:—

SPOT PRICES.

	Nov 5 d	Nov 19 d	Dec 3 d	Dec. 10 d	Dec 24 d
Sixty-fours	37	38½	40	42	43
Sup 60s	36	37½	39	41	42
Com. 60's	35	36½	38	40	41
Fifty-sixes	32½	34	35½	36½	37
Fifties	29½	30½	31½	32½	32½
Forty-sixes	25½	26½	27½	28	28
Forties	24	24½	25½	26	26

SYDNEY WOOL RECEIPTS.

There has been a moderate decrease in the receipts of wool by rail and a fair increase by boat. The total increase continues to be substantial, and is as follows:—

By Rail.

Season.	Dec. 18 to 24. Bales.		July 1 to Dec. 24. Bales.
1915-16	9,667	..	584,087
1914-15	13,090	..	451,804
Decrease	3,423	Inc.	82,283

By Boat.

	Bales		Bales.
1915-16	4,408	..	71,883
1914-15	2,891	..	41,053
Increase	1,517	Inc.	30,830

Total seaboard increase for season to date, 112,613 bales.

WOOL DESTINATIONS.

The destination of the wool exported from New South Wales during the five months ended November 30 was as follows:—

Destination.	Greasy. Bales.	Scoured. Bales.	Tops. Bales.
United Kingdom	112,080	41,350	140
America	65,665	24,028	—
Italy	58,124	8,030	—
Japan	13,953	379	3,882
France	8,224	704	24
Canada	781	115	—
Russia	333	—	—
Totals	259,104	74,605	4,032

WOOL SHIPMENTS.

Five vessels have cleared the Sydney Customs since last week's review with wool for the United Kingdom and foreign ports, aggregating 15,313 bales; as compared with 11 vessels clearing between December 16 and 24 last year, with 53,916 bales. The vessels, with quantities for the week, and total for the season to date compare with the corresponding period last year as follows:—

	Bales.
Berrima, Dec. 16, for London	1,531
City of Sparta, Dec. 18, for America	2,412
Grigus, Dec. 18, for London	3,830
Suevic, Dec. 22, for London	6,043
Niagara, Dec. 23, for America	1,477
Total from Sydney since last review	15,313
Total from Sydney and Newcastle from July 1 last to date	449,495
Corresponding period last season	266,637
Increase	182,858

ENGLISH WOOL TRADE.

COMBING MERINOS.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, Nov. 12.

The buyer for one of the best firms of Bradford topmakers remarked to the writer on the first day's sale this week that he had looked at three-quarters of the wool, and had not a single limit in his catalogues. This firm always buys good wool, because they have a reputation for their tops to sustain, but the above goes to show how small on some days the supply of really good combing merinos has been. One or two respectable clips of old wools are still coming on to the market, notable among these being RWG/Fairview (from Sydney), offered this week, but for combing merinos the trade is having to look to new clip wools, and readers know well enough what characteristics these show. The selection to-day is of such character that there is no wonder that burry merino pieces are being bought on a basis that will bring in the tops at about 2s 7d, while really good combing wools are being bought at prices which will make the tops cost anywhere up to 3s 4d. Greasy south-eastern South Australian wools, which were on the short side and fatty, giving a yield of no more than 50 per cent., have made up to 1s 4½d, and we surmise that these lots were taken for America. The home demand is still good enough to lift all the combing merinos offered, and seeing that France and America occasionally take a few lots, it will be understood that there is a very firm market for this class of staple.

ARCHANGEL AND ICE-BREAKERS.

Owners of scoured merinos will be pleased to learn that a great effort is to be made to keep open the port of Archangel by the use of ice breakers until January. By that time probably the new Russian port of Ekaterina will have been placed in something like readiness to deal with reasonable cargoes, and these facts throw come light on the sustained Russian buying in Coleman-street. Up to 2s 9d has been paid for Victorian scoureds, and large lines of good Queensland wools have gone to Russia at up to 2s 8½d. Sydney scoureds have also made this price. Cape scoureds have been favoured by Russian competition, and while nothing like the freak price of 2s 9½d, made in the first week of the sales, has been reached again, moderate weights have been secured at up to 2s 4d. Even New Zealand scoured merinos have made 2s 7d.

America has been in the market for faulty scoured merinos, and has taken a fair amount at from 10d to 18d. These wools are certainly 1d dearer than in September, and are selling more freely. Burry combing scoureds are also doing better, and it is clear that buyers are finding lack of length and soundness in merinos almost as big a trouble as the presence of burr. France is more active in both scoured and greasy merinos, paying up to 2s 4½d for the former.

Several lines of new clip merinos have been submitted, and have made up to 1s 5d freely. This is for Queensland wools, and Western Australian new clip wools, though tender and inclined to be yellow, have made up to 14d. One lot (not new clip) touched 18d.

SLIPE WOOLS.

There have been considerable offerings of slipe wools again this week, probably 60 per cent. of the crossbreds submitted being of this description. America has been in the market again, and has taken nice weights of the better qualities, but all the short and faulty lots, of low quality, from 46's downwards, are not enjoying any better competition. Sliped Lincoln pelts, brands, and washed pieces, which are all very short, dirty, and limey, cannot be quoted any dearer than they were in September, and some new white blanket orders are needed to improve the market. Under the influence of spirited United States competition sliped halfbred lambs have made up to 2s 0½d on one or two occasions, but this is the maximum price of the series, and it has to be an exceptionally good lot to reach this level.

GREASY AND SCOURED CROSSBREDS VERY DEAR.

In spite of the radical advance which colonial crossbreds have experienced, they are relatively cheaper than English wools, and it is not surprising, therefore, that wherever they can be substituted they still are wanted. There have been very few lines of good scoured crossbreds from New Zealand catalogued this week, but among the few have been some very good wools.

Among greasy crossbreds, although the offerings have been comparatively small, many good lots have made up to 18d, 1s 7d has been reached a few times—once for Leicesters—and half-breds have touched 1s 7½d. Australian crossbreds, even though burry, are eagerly bought, and France has paid up to 18d for these.

Crossbred wools, showing even fair style, are well able to take care of themselves, and both greasy, sliped, and scoured descriptions must be reported as making a good halfpenny more a week ago, the last-named now being 3d, and sometimes more, above September rates.

SALES CLOSE IN A RISING MARKET.

LONDON, Nov. 18.

During this last week of sales the difficulties of warehousing and handling wool have again become manifest, large proportions of the catalogues having been unstaged. The attendance of buyers has been fairly well maintained, though one or two large operators have not been present during the closing week. For the next series, which open on December 7, and which will probably last until two days before Christmas, about 80,000 bales new arrivals are available, and it is anticipated that about 25,000 bales will be carried over from this series.

MORE BIG PRICES FOR MERINO WOOLS.

The best greasy merinos of the series were undoubtedly those of the Portland mark catalogued this week. These wools are grown in Queensland, and were of excellent length and soundness. They were not exceptionally fine, the best lots being only 64's, and second or third descriptions good 60's, but they were essentially spinners' wools. They would give a very good yield, up to 58 per cent., and it is not surprising that they were taken for home trade spinners and manufacturers at up to 1s 7½d. The super lambs made is 24d, and the price for the fleece is the highest of the series for merino wools.

Several new clips from Western Australia have been offered, and while generally fairly earthy, they have made excellent figures. A large line of wools branded KPC realised up to 15½d, and this was noteworthy for the fact that it contained a 104-bale lot of B fleece. It is very rarely that a three-figure lot is seen in London catalogues. The following will give some idea of how other Western Australian clips have sold:—JGM/Pyramid, for first combing, 13d; Moorarie, 14½d; Billabalong/D Bros., Ltd., 16½d for AA b; Mooloo/Downs/EMC, 15d for first combing; and Mulga Downs, 9½d for AA combing.

All good greasy combing merinos have made what seems in many cases to be astounding prices, and one or two new clips from New South Wales though touched with burr, have made tremendous figures. C and F/Corella, from Sydney, made up to 17d, and one or two good lines of Sydney scoureds have also realised full figures, CF/Autvull having touched 2s 9½.

POSITION OF SCOURED WOOLS.

Scoured wools, except faulty kinds, are in a very strong position. Now that it has been made possible for Russian buying to continue, apparently so long as there is money in Russia to finance it, owners of good scoured merinos need have no fear of the future. During the past week Russia has not been quite so active, for the simple reason that her style of wools have not been offered in anything like large quantities, but when scoured Queensland locks are realising round 1s 7½d, and good combing wools selling from 2s 3d to 2s 9d, the market can be taken to be a favourable one for sellers. Moreover there is every prospect of these prices continuing, though for faulty scoureds the outlook is not so promising. Certainly these have improved their position during the series and combing sorts are perhaps a good 5 per cent. over September rates, but much of this has been due to American buying, fair weights having been bought for the United States at from 1s to 17d to 18d. Somehow we have an inkling that this buying will not continue, and it is quite possible that faulty scoured wools will again lose ground for the reason that owners of carbonising machinery everywhere are no nearer getting through the big weights of raw material waiting for them than they were two months ago.

MEDIUM CROSSBREDS AT HIGH WATER MARK AGAIN.

The selection of medium greasy crossbreds offered during this series has been very poor on the whole, most of the wools offered being dingy looking, fatty, and in a large number of cases practically unskirted. Thus it comes about that while 1s 8d has only been touched once, and 1s 7d on a very few occasions, the values of these wools must be quoted almost 20 per cent. higher than in September, for while the bulk of them have been selling at around 16d to 18d, the yield of the wools has been distinctly lower. Tops from 44's to 48's qualities will now cost as much as ever they have done since the war began, and relatively these qualities are the dearest on the market to-day. Finer sorts have also maintained their full rates, France having given good support to these, and even the strongest preparing qualities have advanced a little, though they are not in the same demand as other classes. Scoured crossbreds have also been in somewhat small supply, but these wools show a more striking advance than slipes, which, though they felt the easier market a month ago, have never really been entirely out of it. Scoureds have advanced 4d generally speaking over September, and slipes about 3d. Half-bred lambs have made up to 35½d, and medium crossbred lambs up to 28d. Practically the only wools offered this series which have shown no improvement in values whatever, have been faulty limy slipes, often described as washed pieces, selling at from 9d to 13d.

STATE NURSERY FOR DUBBO.

DUBBO, Friday.

The Dubbo Council has accepted the offer of the Forestry Department to establish a State nursery for edible plants and shrubs in Victoria Park, Dubbo. About five acres will be devoted to the purpose, and from this nursery landholders will be able to obtain supplies for planting, with directions as to culture. The whole expense will be borne by the department.

If you cannot sleep a few doses of Clements Tonic taken regularly for a few days will banish insomnia, and bring healthful, refreshing sleep. Try it. All chemists. Get it, and lose that nervousness.—Advt.

Ask your Grocer for Lipton's Tea, "The Pride of Five Continents."—Advt.

FROM GALLIPOLI TO GOOD HEALTH.

80 Returned Soldiers testify to the great value of Clements Tonic as a rejuvenating medicine in cases of shattered nerves & broken-down constitutions. A few extracts from original unsolicited letters.

CORPORAL E. J. ROBSON, D.C.M. (Distinguished Conduct Medallist), No. 1068, D Company, 4th Battalion, who comes from Tamworth, says:—

"CLEMENTS TONIC, LTD.

"Since taking your Clements Tonic I have found considerable improvement in my health generally, but more especially to my nerves, which were quite undermined in consequence of the strenuous time in the trenches, and being subsequently wounded. I was seven weeks in the trenches before I was disabled, but I did not feel the strain until getting away from the din and roar of the firing-line. Then I collapsed, and my recovery has been very slow until I got on to Clements Tonic."

PRIVATE GEORGE PAPPAS, D.C.M. (Distinguished Conduct Medallist), No. 206, C Company, 15th Battalion, who hails from West End, Brisbane, states:—

"CLEMENTS TONIC, LTD.

"I was a member of the first expedition at the landing at Gaba Tepe, and was in the trenches for over five weeks before being wounded by a bomb. I was operated upon at the No. 2 General Hospital, Cairo, and then invalided back to Australia with nervous breakdown and general debility.

"However, Clements Tonic has done me a lot of good, and I am convinced that after taking a few more bottles I shall soon be all right.

"I know many of the boys have derived considerable benefit from this Tonic, and I shall always recommend it to others."

PRIVATE H. J. HOLMES, No. 257, C Company, 1st Battalion, 1st Brigade, A.I.F., writes:—

"64 Barcom Avenue,
"Darlinghurst, Sydney,
"28/10/'15.

"I am pleased to state I have taken your tonic, with extraordinary benefit, and undoubtedly it invigorates and braces up the nervous system.

"After returning to Australia, having been wounded in the first landing at the Dardanelles, I started on your tonic. My nerves were completely undermined, but after using one bottle I found a wonderful improvement in my mind and body."

PRIVATE W. M. CLARKE, No. 858, C Company, 17th Battalion, 18 Marion Street, Leichhardt, Sydney, and 47 Franklin Street, Ponsonby, Auckland, says:—

"I first took Clements Tonic about four years ago, after a severe attack of influenza, and found it wonderfully effective in restoring me to health.

"When leaving for Egypt last April, I took four bottles with me, and found it invaluable, especially in the trenches, and although invalided home wounded, I have not suffered from nerves to any great extent, which I attribute to the use of your tonic.

"I have continued to take it since returning, and when I leave again for the front this month I intend taking a supply, and I would specially recommend others to do the same."

PRIVATE C. WILSON, 4th Battalion, writes:—

"I can recommend Clements Tonic to anyone suffering from nerves and general debility, as I have taken it myself, with wonderful results.

"I was invalided home, and my nerves were badly shaken and my system was run down through illness.

"I consider Clements Tonic invaluable to invalids."

DRIVER L. C. KENNEDY, No. 573, 1st Bri. Amm. Col., 1st. A.F.A. Brigade, 15 Trafalgar Street, Enmore, says:—

"Since returning from the front about seven weeks ago, I was advised to try Clements Tonic, which I did, and found it very beneficial, improving my appetite, overcoming insomnia, and strengthening my nerves.

"I can fully recommend it to all returning soldiers who are medically unfit owing to run-down nerves. Clements Tonic is undoubtedly a great body-builder and nerve tonic unsurpassed.

"You may use this in any way you desire."

TROOPER T. DONELEY, No. 650, 6th Light Horse, Machine Gun Section, New Brighton Hotel, Manly, 29/10/'15, says:—

"I returned from the Dardanelles six weeks ago, after about three weeks in the trenches, when I was wounded. Although the strain under fire was great, I did not feel any ill effects until I was knocked over, then my nerves and strength gave way. After hospital treatment I was invalided back to Sydney, and although the sea trip and rest pulled me together, nothing has had such a good effect as Clements Tonic, which I was urged to take. It has braced up my nerves, and I am making good headway to a perfect recovery.

"When I reached Sydney the noise and traffic utterly bewildered me, but Clements Tonic, I can assure you, has fixed me up.

"I used Clements Tonic some years ago, so am well aware of its merits."

STAFF-SERGEANT R. MAZOUGART, Aust. Med. Corps., writes:—

"I feel it my duty to write you of the wonderful tonic effect your Clements Tonic has had upon me. Even before joining the Army Medical Corps I had taken it for nervous debility, and have again had recourse to it, after 12 months of active service, and am more than thankful to say it is proving all that I have held it to be. I shall always carry a bottle with me, and recommend it to my friends. You may use this as you desire."

PRIVATE STUART PITTS, 554, D Company, 13th Battalion:—

"I have been taking Clements Tonic since my return to Sydney from the Dardanelles, and wish to tell you that it has done me a world of good. My nerves were very shattered, and I was wounded in the arm and foot through a mine exploding under our trench. Clements Tonic has strengthened my nerves, and with its aid I am quickly regaining normal health.

"I can highly recommend your splendid medicine, and you have my permission to use this, with my photo., as you will."

PRIVATE G. F. SINCLAIR, No. 405, C Company, 1st Battalion, 1st Brigade, Botany, states:—

"I used Clements Tonic long before going to the war, so that when I returned I had no hesitation in taking it. My nerves were all gone when I returned, but a couple of bottles of your great remedy have had a very beneficial result. I am all right again, and am returning to Egypt on the 25th November, and I intend to take a few bottles of Clements Tonic with me.

"I can conscientiously recommend Clements Tonic to all invalided soldiers and anyone who requires something to brace up the nerves and give a 'fillip' to his health. You may use this, with my photo., as you require."

SIGNALLER A. G. BLACKHAM, 1661, C Company, 4th Battalion, Sydney and England, states:—

"Since my returning from Gallipoli I have been taking Clements Tonic, and have found it an invaluable medicine for the nerves and for building up the system. I have much pleasure in recommending it to all who are suffering from overstrained nerves and run-down system.

"I was eleven days in the trenches before I was wounded. The shock, however, caused me much suffering from nerves."

PRIVATE ANDREW BROWN, Sydney, No. 468, 13th Battalion, Machine Gun Section, states:—

"Having taken Clements Tonic since my return from Egypt, I am pleased to inform you that I have derived considerable benefit from it. I had a bad attack of nerves after being wounded, and I can say that Clements Tonic has done more for me than anything else.

"I am now well and strong again, and shall always be pleased to recommend Clements Tonic."

PRIVATE C. P. PRICE, 88 Union Street, Pyrmont, Sydney, states:—

"Two bottles of Clements Tonic have completely restored me to health since my return from the scene of conflict. Before leaving for Egypt I was more or less subject to headaches, and my experiences abroad quite undermined my nerves.

"Some of my mates urged me to try your remedy, with the best results, and my nerves are as good as ever, and all headaches are banished. I can conscientiously recommend Clements Tonic to all nerve sufferers and those requiring a good tonic to build up a weakened constitution."

PRIVATE W. M. JONES, No 203, D Company, 4th Battalion, Bowral, says:—

"I was invalided home, suffering from asthma and nerves, and although I took a lot of medicine, I made no great improvement until I arrived back in Sydney and commenced taking Clements Tonic. This great medicine has had a wonderful effect, and I shall always recommend it to anyone in ill-health, especially those suffering from nerves."

This is the one great medicine in peace or war. It is believed in and used everywhere. Every contingent that goes war-wards takes some of this tonic with it. Individual members know it can be relied upon to keep the nerves strong as steel, the appetite keen, the blood pure, the system healthy in hot and unhealthy climates. It is specially suited for weak, anaemic, and "nervy" constitutions. All Chemists and Stores sell it.

SOCIAL.

All contributions and accounts of weddings or other social entertainments intended for the "Social" Column in Saturday's issue should reach this office not later than Friday morning, and be fully endorsed.

Social activities this week have been entirely in the direction of seasonable shopping. As already recorded in other columns the Christmas trade has been very brisk, especially in the departments which cater for the requirements of children. Although this is perhaps the saddest Christmas Australia has ever known, yet the determination to let the children have a happy holiday has induced their elders to throw aside their own grief and anxieties and carry out the usual programme for next week. Parties have been made up for afternoon tea or luncheon in town during the day's shopping. Several juvenile festivities have been arranged, but beyond the races, theatres, and other standing fixtures there is little else to record. All the working centres for the soldiers are now shut up till after the New Year, and many of the most punctual workers are taking the opportunity of having a much-needed rest, either in their own homes or at one of the holiday resorts.

Mrs. Chester Wells, wife of Commander Chester Wells, U.S.A. Navy, arrived by the Niagara on Saturday on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Dixson, Abergeldie, Summer Hill.

In connection with the 1st Field Artillery Brigade Comforts Fund, the prize for the men's sock competition was won by Master G. Rossell, Strathfield. The socks were judged by Mrs. Fred. Orr.

An enjoyable afternoon was spent on Wednesday, 15th instant, when the younger pupils of Misses Jones' Echaliens College, Cheltenham, gave a little play and recitations, which proved very entertaining.

A wedding was celebrated at St. Andrew's Cathedral on December 4 by the Rev. C. H. W. Clark, when Sydney Frank, son of the late Mr. W. Whitmore and of Mrs. Whitmore, of St. Fillains, Reigate, England was married to Maud, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. H. Cheeseman, of Pyrmont. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. T. Cheeseman, wore a gown of ivory crepe de Chine, with silk shadow lace and orange blossoms. Her tulle embroidered veil was arranged as a mob cap with orange blossoms. The bridegroom's gifts to the bride were an aquamarine pendant and a bouquet of white sweet pea and roses. The chief bridesmaid was Miss May Cheeseman, sister of the bride, who wore a cream crepe de Chine, with bodice of ninon over net, having a coatee effect, with pink aerophane hat, trimmed, and pink roses and satin streamers. Her bouquet of pink roses and tourmaline pendant were gifts of the bridegroom. Miss Lydia Moore, niece of the bride, wore white embroidered organdie muslin and Maltese lace, with a pink aerophane hat trimmed with pink roses and satin streamers. Her bouquet of pink roses and gold bangle were the gifts of the bridegroom. Mr. S. Phillips, H.M.A.S. Penguin, acted as best man. The bride's travelling dress was of navy crepe de Chine, with shadow lace and touches of pink and black tulle; hat trimmed with pink heather and black velvet ribbon.

St. Augustine's Church, Balmain, was the scene of a wedding on October 30, when the Rev. Father Rohan, P.P., married Florence Mabel Pearl, only daughter of the late Captain Edwin Samuel O'Hare, of Balmain, Newcastle, and Bellingen, North Coast, and Mrs. O'Hare, Drummoyne, to Charles Joseph, eldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Elliott, of Wagga Wagga. The bridegroom was attended by Mr. James O'Hare, who acted as best man. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. E. P. O'Hare. The organist was Mrs. Crimmings. The bride wore a gown of ivory crepe de Chine, with an overdress of Oriental lace, in rose design, finished with silk tassels; the court train, which was fastened to the shoulders with pearl buckles, was of ivory crepe de Chine, lined with shell ink crepe de Chine, and embroidered in horseshoes and true lovers' knots of silk and pearls, with sprays of orange blossoms, and finished with Oriental lace. The gown was worn with a mob cap, to which was fastened a beautiful hand-made veil, embroidered in Honiton lace, and surmounted with a coronet of orange blossoms. Her bouquet of carnations, jonquils, lilies of the valley, and asparagus fern, and a diamond ring, were the gifts of the bridegroom. The bride was attended by two bridesmaids and a train bearer, the Misses Coral Morgan and Ruby O'Hare, niece of the bride, who wore frocks of white Oriental lace over silk, made with shirred skirts, with a touch of pink at the waist, mob caps of lace, and shell pink satin ribbons, trimmed at the back with pink bebe roses and satin streamers. A gold crescent brooch set with pearls and a gold cable bangle respectively, with their pink bouquets, were the gifts of the bridegroom. Miss Maisie O'Hare, niece of the bride, trainbearer, wore a frock of shell pink crepe de Chine, made with a deep belt, and two shaped hemstitched frills, with posy of crepe de Chine roses at the neck and belt. A mob cap of lace and pink satin ribbon, a gold basket bangle, and a crook with pink roses were the gifts of the bridegroom. The reception was held at the A.B.C. Cafe, Pitt-street. The bride's travelling dress was of Saxe blue crepe de Chine, made with a coatee effect, with a small vest of white folded ninon; the skirt was full, with a small panel back and front, with the sides shirred. Her picture hat of white aerophane was trimmed with a white Lancer plume.

St. Matthias' Church, Paddington, was the scene of a wedding on November 20, when Alice Stanton Burch was married to Q.M.S. Arthur Bedford (7th Reinforcements, 20th Battalion), the Rev. S. G. Fielding officiating. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gown of white crepe de Chine, with a bodice of Limerick lace, and a fishtail train, a Limerick lace veil and wreath of orange blossoms, kindly lent by Mrs. F. G. Wright, and carried a sheaf of white lilies, which, with a silver purse and gold bangle, was the gift of the bridegroom. Miss Vivien Burch, sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid. She was attired in a gown of embroidered voile trimmed with Maltese lace, with a white hat. Her posy of pink carnations and a gold bangle were the gifts of the bridegroom. Sergeant L. N. Simpson acted as best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents at Woollahra. Later the happy couple motored to the Mountains, where a short honeymoon was spent prior to the bridegroom's departure for the front.

On November 27, at St. Stephen's Church, Newtown, by the Rev. Herbert S. Begbie, William Robert Clark, of Silvertown, England, was married to Ethel May Tideswell, of Newtown. The bride, who was given away by Mr. William Wilson, wore a gown of ivory silk, with court train of cream satin, true lovers' knots, and orange blossoms, and a veil and coronet of orange blossoms, and carried a bouquet of Christmas lilies, white heather, dahlias, roses, and maidenhair fern. Her four bridesmaids were Miss Dora Munger, who wore a frock of grey crepe de Chine and pale pink ninon, and carried a pink bouquet; Misses Elvira and Beryl Tideswell, who wore frocks of white crepe meric, with pale pink satin ribbons, and also carried pink bouquets; and little Mollie Daniels, trainbearer, who wore a frock of dainty white silk. Mrs. Daniels, who acted as hostess, lent her house for the reception. Later Mr. and Mrs. Clark left for the Mountains.

On November 17 a wedding was celebrated at St. John's Darlinghurst, between Robert Percy, second son of Mrs. Winstanley, and the late Mr. Joseph Winstanley, and Ethel May, second daughter of Mr. B. Collins and the late Mrs. Collins, of Geelong, Victoria. The Rev. E. C. Beck, rector of St. John's, officiated. The bride, who was given away by Mr. J. Keirs, brother-in-law of the bridegroom, wore a gown of white silk, trimmed with shadow lace and orange blossoms. The bridesmaids were the two young nieces, Misses Boyd, and cousin, Miss Dance, of the bridegroom, who were dressed in white silk, and pink posies. The bridegroom's mother, Mrs. E. S. Winstanley, acted as hostess, and wore a black silk gown, with black and white shadow lace and flowers to match. Her guests were entertained at Baumann's. The bride's travelling dress was turquoise blue silk, with lace and ornaments to match.

NEW FERRY FOR VAUCLUSE.

The trustees of Nielsen Park have completed arrangements with the Sydney Ferries to extend their Athol and Clifton Gardens service across to Nielsen Park, which is one of the finest pleasure resorts in the Harbour. The trustees have erected a wharf at the Sydney end of Shark Beach, better known as Steel Point, and have leased this wharf to the Ferries. Nielsen Park, with its lovely beach, was once the grounds attached to the home of the late Mr. Fitzwilliam Wentworth. The trustees have erected a kiosk, and are daily making further improvements in order to give the public the full benefit of this beauty spot. The ferry service will be commenced on Monday next, with a 20-minutes service. The service is regarded as the beginning of what will, it is hoped, become a great south shore ferry service, linking up Rose Bay, Double Bay, Darling Point, etc., with the city. At the same time Vaucluse will now be linked up with the north shore.

STEVEDORES' DISPUTE SETTLED.

MELBOURNE, Friday.

As a result of the conference held yesterday between members of the Port Phillip Stevedores' Association and the employers, at which the latter agreed to pay 2s an hour to men engaged below in loading wheat vessels, the dispute in regard to this matter has been settled.

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BIRTHS.

ALLISON (nee Molly Fenton).—December 14, at Onslode Private Hospital, Wycombe-road, Neutral Bay, to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Allison, Kevon, 69 Upper Pitt-street, Kirribilli Point—a son (Geoffrey John).

BOTTLE (nee Daisy Garnett).—December 21, at 153 Denison-road, Lewisham, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bottle—a daughter (survived 23 hours).

BOWMAN.—December 9, at Heathfield Private Hospital, the wife of Private G. F. Bowman (killed in action)—a daughter.

BUTTON.—December 8, 1915, at their residence, Condor-street, Burwood, to Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Button—a daughter.

CLARKE-HAWKES (nee Ida Bradley).—November 30, 1915, at 3 Roslyn-street, Darlinghurst, Sydney, to Mr. and Mrs. George Clarke-Hawkes—a son. Home and New Zealand papers please copy.

COOK.—December 24, at Iowa, Primrose-street, Hurlstone Park, to Mr and Mrs. Alfred K. Cook—a son (Kenneth William).

CRISWICK.—December 16, 1915, at their residence, Strathmore, Rosedale-street, Summer Hill, the wife of Norman H. W. Criswick, of a daughter.

EISFELD.—December 22, at 641 Dowling-street, Moore Park, the wife of the Rev. M. Eisfeld—a son.

HADLEY (nee Ada Tipping).—December 20, 1915, at Tsen Buo, Hurlstone Park, to Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hadley—a son.

KAUFMANN.—October 12, at St. Hilary's, Toms-street, Chatswood, to Mr. and Mrs. Cholmondeley Kaufmann (British Solomons)—a daughter.

LUSTY (nee N. L. Gulliver).—November 29, at Nurse Gumpert's private hospital, Marrickville, to Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Lusty, Fire Station, Newtown—a daughter (Lilian Jeanette).

MACINTOSH (nee Isobel A. Ferguson).—November 16, 1915, at Adelaide, the wife of Harold V. Macintosh, of a daughter (Alison Christine).

MORRIS.—December 1, at St. Albans, Albion-street, Katoomba, the wife of H. W. Morris—a daughter (Edwina Betty).

PARRY.—December 17, 1915, at Vahreepa, Julia-street, Ashfield, the wife of J. N. Parry, of a son.

RANSON (nee Dorothy Walters).—December 22, at The Gunyah, Killara, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Ranson—a daughter (Dorothy Walters).

RILEY.—December 21, at her residence, Wyong, the wife of S. H. Riley—a son.

SIDMAN.—December 16, 1915, at Carinya, Hill-street, Camden, to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. V. Sidman—a son.

STINSON (nee Muriel Toms).—December 23, 1915, at Ledgerreath, Myagah-road, Mosman, to Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Stinson—a daughter.

URQUHART.—December 19, at Caberfeigh, Springwood, to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest J. A. Urquhart—a son.

WADDELL (nee Evelyn Nelson).—December 2, at Kirklees, 13 Princes-street, Dawes Point, to Mr. and Mrs. A. Waddell—a daughter (Joyce Ivy).

WALPOLE.—December 21, at Brynhoofa Private Hospital, Nurse Stanfield, 16 Ernest-street, the wife of C. A. Walpole—a daughter (Lorna Catherine).

WHITE.—November 7, Carlow-street, North Sydney, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank White—a son.

MARRIAGES.

BEIT—STOPPS.—November 20, 1915, at All Saints' Church, Hunter's Hill, by the Rev. Edward Owen, B.A., Stewart William Beit, second son of the late Robert Beit, of Windradine, to Dorothy Florence, youngest daughter of Arthur J. Stopps, J.P., of Loombah, Hunter's Hill.

BRODIE—SMITH.—November 20, 1915, at St. Aidan's Church, Annandale, by the Rev. R. Rook, Alfred Thomas, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Brodie, of 68 Macauley-road, Stanmore (late of Nowra, N.S.W.), to Emily Agnes, youngest daughter of Alderman and Mrs. F. E. W. Smith, of 135 Annandale-street, Annandale.

BUTTFIELD—HOPKINS.—November 30, 1915, at St. John's Church, Fremantle, by the Rev. Canon Moore, Frank Jenner, youngest son of the late Francis Buttfield, Magill, S.A., to Vera Irene, second daughter of the late W. O. Hopkins, of Sydney.

BRADLEY—NOLAN.—December 11, at St. Stephen's, Newtown, James Albert (Bert), youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. James Bradley, of Nambucca River, to Alice Maud, second youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Nolan, of Victoria Park, Gunnedah.

CHEERS—DUNCAN.—November 27, at St. John's Church, Glebe, by the Rev. Canon Cranswick, George, son of the late George and Mrs. Cheers, of Darlinghurst and Melbourne, to Clara Forbes, youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Duncan, and niece of Alexander Duncan, of Paddington and Glebe.

EDSON—RUTHERFORD.—October 16, 1915, at St. Matthias' Church, by the Rev. S. G. Fielding, Arthur, 8th son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Morten, of Bondi Junction, to Margaret Ernestine, elder daughter of Robert Rutherford, of Paddington.

GRIFFITHS—CORBETT.—November 20, at the Bondi Junction Methodist Church, by the Rev. E. Conlin Thomas, Griffith Ivor, eldest son of Rev. and Mrs. D. R. Griffiths, Penmaenmawr, North Wales, to Rita Olivette, youngest daughter of the late Mr. John Corbett and Mrs. Corbett, Ramatisdm, Leichhardt-street, Waverley, Sydney.

JOHNSON—MANSFIELD.—December 4, at St. Stephen's Church, Newtown, by the Rev. W. Leslie Langley, assisted by Rev. H. S. Begbie, Granville Victor, eldest son of Mr. R. Johnson, of Erskineville, to Muriel Ruperta, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Mansfield, of Camperdown.

JONES—RUTHERFORD.—August 21, 1915, at St. Matthias' Church, by the Rev. S. G. Fielding, Edwin Francis, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Jones, of Hurstville, to Hilda Emily, younger daughter of Mr. Robert Rutherford, of Paddington.

MACLEAN—EDMONDSON.—November 20, 1915, at St. Phillip's Church, Sydney, by the Rev. Canon Beecham, Murdoch Duncan, youngest son of the late John Maclean and Mrs. Maclean, of Ionellan, Argyleshire, Scotland, to Florence Mabel, elder daughter of the late Edmund Edmondson, of Lancaster, England. Home papers please copy.

MADDOCKS—CAMPBELL.—December 1, 1915, at St. Paul's Church, Rothbury, by the Rev. Canon Withey, Sydney Aubrey Maddocks, of Manly, to Hilda Evelyn, daughter of G. A. Campbell, of Rothbury.

MILLER—SMITH.—October 1, 1915, at St. Stephen's Church, Sydney, by the Rev. John Ferguson, Arthur, son of Mr. and Mrs. Miller, of Parramatta, to Myra, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith, of May's Hill.

MORGAN—GEDDES.—November 24, at St. Philip's Church, by Canon Bellingham, Reginald Gordon, son of the late Matthew Morgan and Mrs. Morgan, Adelaide, to Emmie Burtt, daughter of the late James Geddes, and Mrs. Geddes, of Sydney.

QUIRK—CRAINE.—November 27, 1915, at Methodist Church, Balmain, by Rev. W. F. Hynes, John Sydney, only son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Quirk, of Willoughby, to Eunice Senoglen Craine, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Craine, of Rozelle.

ROBERTS—MACAULEY.—December 22, at the Grahame Memorial Church, Waverley, by the Rev. J. Macaulay, George Sloan Roberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, Glasgow, Scotland, to Elizabeth Amy Macauley, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. Macauley, Norfolk-street, Carlisle, England.

WRIGHT—LEATHEAM.—November 24, at All Souls' Church, Leichhardt, by the Rev. C. C. Dunstan, Robert D., eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Wright, Liverpool, New South Wales, to Jean, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Leatheam, Loma Loma, 97 John-street, Petersham. At home January 6th, Thursday afternoon and evening, Loma Loma, 97 John-st, Petersham.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

GARDNER.—Killed in action in the Dardanelles, in May, Private Leonard Gardner, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Reinforcements. Greater honour hath no man. Inserted by his loving mother, E. Billings, Albion-street, Paddington.

HOGARTH.—Killed in action, 6th to 9th August, at Lone Pine, Quartermaster-sergeant G. A. Hogarth. Inserted by his loving wife and family.

HUMPHREYS.—Killed in action, Gallipoli, Private T. O. Humphreys, 85 John-st, Woollahra, September 25, 1915. Inserted by the employees of G. Gummerson, Bondi Junction.

MEADE.—Killed in action, June 2, 1915, Sergeant A. S. Meade (Artie), only son of J. A. and F. Meade, Lambert-street, Bathurst, aged 18 years. Inserted by his sorrowing friends, Madge Hartnett and Mary Brown.

MUNN.—Private R. T. Munn, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Munn, Coorunga, Merimbula, killed in action on November 24, 1915. To live in the hearts of those we love is not to die.

THAYNE.—Private Alfred Gregory Thayne, 3rd Reinforcements, 19th Battalion, died of wounds received while serving King and country at Gallipoli, December 13, aged 45. Beloved father of Ida and Donald Thayne, Katoomba-street, Katoomba. A soldier and a man.

THOMPSON.—On August 28th, at Gallipoli, killed in action, Pte. Albert James, third son of Mrs. Sarah Thompson, of Walcha (late North Sydney), aged 23 years. He did his duty.

DEATHS.

BATES.—December 18, 1915, at her daughter's residence, Bankstown, Lucy Broughton, widow of the late Thomas Bates, and eldest daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. Millett, of Brisbane, and niece of the late Bishop Broughton, first Bishop of Sydney, aged 79. Rest in peace. Queensland and home papers please copy.

BATMAN.—December 22, 1915, at her daughter's residence, Springwood, Phillip-street, Cabarita, Eliza, relict of the late W. R. Batman, late of Hazelwood Station, Dubbo, in her 89th year. Dubbo papers please copy.

BOCHER.—December 24, 1915, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. C. Gerber, Cooyong, Gipps-street, Waverley, Eugene Charles Bocher, in his 76th year. R.I.P. By request, no flowers.

COHEN.—December 24, Marks Cohen, of 681 King-street, Newtown, dearly beloved husband of May Cohen, and father of Alick Cohen, age 53.

FLAHERTY.—December 16, at Quaker's Hill (suddenly), Mary Teresa, relict of the late Martin Flaherty, of Enmore. R.I.P. Interred at Rookwood, December 18. Inserted by her loving son and daughter-in-law, Martin and Clara.

GANDON.—December 3, at 20 Park-road, Glebe, Margaret S. Gandon, aged 70. At rest.

GARGIULA.—December 24, 1915, at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Camperdown, Francois Gargiula, late of Copeland-street, Alexandria, aged 65 years. R.I.P.

GARNER.—December 12, 1915, Mrs. Jane Garner, aged 77 years. Loved mother of Mrs. E. P. Clout, Balgownie, South Coast.

HARRIS.—December 24, 1915, at her parents' residence, Grose-street, Parramatta, North, Thelma Margaret Dennison, dearly beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harris, aged 8 years 3 months.

HARRISON.—December 24, 1915, at his late residence, Kirkdale, Gladstone-parade, Lindfield, Joseph, beloved husband of Alice Harrison, aged 71 years.

HOSIE.—December 24, 1915, at Cavendish-street, Enmore, William Henry Hosie, aged 53 years. Interred yesterday.

JOHNSON.—December 6, 1915, at The Terraces, Paddington, Harry Oswin Johnson, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of Parkes, New South Wales, aged 52 years.

JONES.—December 21, 1915, St. George Hospital, Kogarah, Walter George Jones, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Jones, Carlton, aged 4 years 3 months. Loved by all.

MACKEY.—December 24, 1915, at Talana, Bunnerong-road, Kensington, Nora, the dearly loved wife of Joseph Mackey, aged 40 years. R.I.P.

MELVILLE.—December 18, at 49 Raglan-street, Darlington, Mary Ellen, formerly of Alexandria, dearly loved daughter of Kate and the late Thomas Melville, aged 28 years. Interred at Waverley, 20th December. R.I.P.

NEWMARCH.—December 24, 1915, at a private hospital, Darlinghurst, Elizabeth Angelina, beloved wife of the Rev. Walter Newmarch, of Haberfield.

SHARP.—December 24, 1915, at her parents' residence, Ramsgate-road, Kogarah, Beryl Betsy May, dearly loved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. K. (Tom) Sharp, and grandchild of the late Edward Thomas Holder, of Rockdale, aged 13 months.

TRANSOM.—December 15, 1915, at Sydney, Margaret Jane, aged 61, relict of the late Charles Transom, and beloved mother of Mrs. F. Martin, Cecil, Charles, and Effie Transom, 118 Ebley-street, Waverley. Grafton papers please copy.

IN MEMORIAM.

A respectful tribute to the memory of my late valued comrades, A. J. Onslow Thompson, W. Barry, B. P. Nettleton, J. Green, W. Davidson, E. S. Brown, and G. Charlin, of various military ranks, whom death levelled; and which was unflinchingly met by them whilst fighting for justice, honour, freedom, the safety of Australia, and us.
On the Field of Honour, rest thou in Peace and still; Heroic Comrades, 'twas Almighty God's good Will. You gave your sweet lives to your Country's Call,
But,
'Tis better to have fought and died
Than never to have fought at all,
For an honourable death leaves no sting.
TOM R.

AITKEN.—In remembrance of my dear husband, James Aitken, who died on December 25, 1911. Inserted by his loving wife, Margaret.

ALLEN.—In loving memory of Mrs. Allen, who departed this life December 26, 1914. Gone, but not forgotten by two sincere friends, N. Olsen and J. Hockley.

ARNOLD.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Agnes Arnold, who departed this life on the 25th December, 1913. Inserted by her loving sons, Clarence, Creswick, Claude, daughter-in-law, Eva, and grandchildren.

ARNOLD.—In loving memory of my dear mother, Agnes Arnold, who departed this life December 25, 1913. Inserted by her loving son and daughter-in-law, Claude and Minnie.

BARRINGTON.—In loving remembrance of our dear father, Joseph Barrington, beloved husband of Sarah Barrington, who passed away at Normandy, Doncaster-avenue, Kensington, December 25, 1898. Inserted by Cecil, Beaney, Norman, Lil., and Vanda.

CARRICK.—In ever loving memory of our dear sister, Elizabeth, who departed this life December 25, 1913. Inserted by her loving brother and sister-in-law, John and Rebecca Crimmins.

DANIELS.—In loving memory of our dearly beloved father, Samuel Daniels, who departed this life at the Coast Hospital, December 25, 1911, aged 48. Sadly missed. Inserted by his loving sons and daughters.

DUNN.—In loving memory of our dear father and grandfather, Thomas, who passed away December 25, 1912. R.I.P. Inserted by his loving son, Will, daughter-in-law, and grandchildren, Arnold, Cyril, Hilton, Mary, and Kathleen.

EVANS.—In loving remembrance of my dearly beloved husband, who departed this life Christmas Day, December 25, 1913. Inserted by his loving wife, Florence Evans.

EVANS.—In loving remembrance of our dear father, who departed this life December 25, 1913. Inserted by his loving daughter, Florrie, and sons.

EVANS.—In sad and loving remembrance of my dearly beloved father, John Joseph, who departed this life December 25, 1913.
The flowers we placed upon your grave,
Have withered and decayed,
But the thought of you in memory still
Will never fade away.
Inserted by his loving son, Henry.

FYFE.—In loving memory of our darling daughter, Maud Ann, aged 17 years.
Not lost, only gone before.
Inserted by her loving parents, J. C. and E. Fyfe.

GARDENER.—In loving memory of our dear husband and father, Charles Gardener, who departed this life December 24, 1914. Inserted by his loving wife, Elizabeth, and daughter, Alice Gardener.

GODFREY.—In loving memory of Walter Godfrey, who departed this life December 25, 1910, aged 50 years.
While he lies in peaceful sleep
His memory we will always keep.
Inserted by his loving wife, Francis Godfrey.

GODFREY.—In loving memory of my dear father, who departed this life December 25, 1910, aged 50 years. Inserted by his loving daughter, B. Hern.

GODFREY.—In loving memory of our dear father, Walter Godfrey, who departed this life December 25, 1910, aged 50 years. Inserted by his loving son and daughter-in-law, Walter L. and Maggie Godfrey.

GODFREY.—In loving memory of Walter Godfrey, who departed this life December 25, 1910.
While he lies in peaceful sleep
His memory we will always keep.
Inserted by his brother and sister, H. and M. J. Mascord.

GURTON.—In loving remembrance of our dear daughter, Vera May, who departed this life December 25, 1912, after a severe and painful operation.
The flowers we placed upon her grave
They wither and decay;
But my love for you who lie beneath
Will never fade away.
No matter how I pray, dear Vera,
No matter how I call,
There's nothing left to answer
But your photo on the wall.
Inserted by her loving mother, father, and family.

GURTON.—In loving remembrance of my dear sister, Vera, who departed this life December 25, 1912, after a severe operation.
Far and oft my thoughts do wander
To a grave so far away,
Where they laid my loving sister
Just three years ago to-day.
Too far away thy grave to see,
But not too far to think of thee.
Inserted by her loving brother, William, of Adelaide, South Australia.

HAINES.—A tribute of love and affection to the memory of our dearly loved son and brother, Herbert, who passed peacefully away on Christmas Day, 1907. A peaceful end to a beautiful life.
May the sacred heart of Jesus
Grant unto his soul eternal rest.
So dearly loved, so sadly missed by his lonely and sorrowful parents, C. and H. Haines, also brother Arthur, Regent-street, Newtown.

HAINES.—In fond and ever loving remembrance of our dearly loved brother, Herbert, who passed to the higher life on Christmas Day, 1907. Peacefully sleeping, he wore the white flower of a blameless life, and was beloved by all who knew him. Inserted by his only sister and brother-in-law, Elvy and Edward Friedewald, and his little nephew, Herbert.

HAINES.—In sad but ever loving remembrance of my dearest friend, Herbert, who was called to the higher life on Christmas Day, 1907. At rest. The heart that has truly loved never forgets. Inserted by his sorrowing friend, Lowie Berold.

HANNA.—In loving memory of our dear sister, Nellie Hanna, who died at Stratford, Gloucester, December 26, 1914.
Gone, but not forgotten.
Inserted by his loving sister and brother, E. and R. Zicms and family.

HAWKINS.—In loving memory of our dear husband and father, who passed away on December 24, 1914. Nearer my God to Thee. Inserted by his loving wife and son, Hannah and Bertie Hawkins.

HOLLAND.—In sad but loving memory of my dear wife and our dear mother, Annie Holland, who departed this life at Bellingen, December 25, 1913. Inserted by her loving husband, James Henry Holland, and son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Daisy.

HOLLAND.—In ever-loving memory of our dear mother, who departed this life December 25, 1913. As the ivy clings to the oak so our memory clings to thee. Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law, M. and W. Miller.

HOLLAND.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Annie, who passed away December 25, 1913. Never forgotten. Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law, E. and H. Walters.

HUTCHIESON.—In sad but loving memory of my dear mother, Sarah Brown Hutchieson, died December 25, 1912, at Pollokshaws, Glasgow, Scotland.
Peacefully sleeping, resting at last.
Life's weary trouble and suffering past.
Inserted by her loving son, John Brown Hutchieson.

In loving memory of our dear sister, who passed away Xmas Day, 1914. Inserted by her loving sister and brother-in-law, D. and F. Totten.

KNIGHT.—In fond memory of my beloved husband and daddy, who was accidentally drowned on December 24, 1913. Inserted by his loving wife and little son, F. and R. Knight.

LANGLEY.—In sad but loving memory of our darling daughter and sister, Ruby Violet, who died suddenly Christmas Day, 1909, aged 16 years and 4 months.
Days of sadness still come on us,
Hidden secret tears still flow;
For memory keeps our dear one near us,
Though she died six years ago.
Looking this way, yes, looking this way,
Our darling in glory, looking this way.
Inserted by her loving father and mother, and only sister, Dorothy.

LEE.—In loving memory of my dear mother, Olivia Margretta Lee, who departed this life December 26, 1913.
Mother is gone but not forgotten,
Nor is the good advice she gave.
Inserted by her loving son, Percy A. Lee.

LOOSEMORE.—In fond and loving remembrance of my dearly loved son and our brother, Fred, who passed to the higher life on Christmas Day, 1907. Rest in peace.
Rest, dear brother, we would not awake thee,
For fear care and sorrow would darken thy brow;
How sweet is thy rest, with the birds warbling o'er thee.
No more of life's troubles shall harm thee now.
Inserted by his loving father, sisters, and brothers.

McKIE.—In loving memory of dear little Willie, who died December 25, 1909. Inserted by his fond cousins, Jean, Maggie, and Louie.

MERCHANT.—In loving memory of our dear mother, who died December 25, 1902. Never forgotten. Inserted by her sons and daughters.

NEWMAN.—In loving remembrance of our dear father, Richard Newman, who was accidentally killed at Sydenham R. Station, on Christmas Day, 1911. Sweet Jesus, have mercy on his soul. Inserted by his loving daughters.

PARSONS.—In loving memory of our dear father, Enos Parsons, who departed this life December 25, 1908. Inserted by his loving daughters, S's and Bertha.

PICK.—In loving memory of my dear husband, Alfred Pick, who departed this life on December 25, 1910.
A precious one from us is gone,
A voice we loved is stilled,
A place is vacant in our home
Which never can be filled.
Inserted by his loving wife, Mary Ann Pick.

PICK.—In loving memory of our dear father, who departed this life on December 25, 1910.
All is sad within our memory,
Lonely are our hearts to-day,
For the one we loved so dearly
Has for ever passed away.
Inserted by his loving children, Alf., Jack, Frank, Mary.

PIKE.—In memory of my darling mother, Emma Pike, who passed away December 16, 1911, aged 50. May she rest in peace.
Four years have passed, and still we miss you,
Never will your memory fade.
Saddest thoughts will ever linger
Around the spot where you are laid.
Inserted by her ever loving son, Albert Pike, and daughter Alice.

ROACH.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Catherine Roach, who passed away December 25, 1910.
Leaves may wither, but memory never.
Inserted by her loving daughters and sons.

ROBERTS.—In loving memory of our dear father and grandfather, William James Roberts, who departed this life, December 26, 1914.
Not one he loved was by his side,
To hear his last faint cry;
Or say just one word of love,
Before he closed his eyes.
Inserted by his loving daughter and son-in-law, Emma and William Rowe, and grandchildren, Sylvia and Randall.

ROSEBERG.—In loving memory of our dear sister and aunt, Emma Roseberg, died December 26, 1914; also of our dear mother and grandmother, Sarah Newmark, who died November 25, 1914. Peace unto thee. Inserted by K. Ring and D. and L. Simons.

RUSSETT.—In loving memory of our dear brother, Len, who was accidentally killed at South Africa December 26, 1908; also our dear mother, who passed away December 26, 1902.
Days of sadness still come o'er us,
Hidden tears afresh do flow,
For memory keeps the dear ones near us,
Although they died some years ago.
Inserted by Carl (now on active service) and Will, and Jinnie Russett.

SAMPSON.—In remembrance of my dear wife, who died December 26, 1914, also the loving mother of Elaine, Leslie, and Eric.
A good wife and loving mother.
Inserted by her husband and children.

IN MEMORIAM.

SAMPSON.—In sad but loving memory of our dear sister-in-law, Ettie Nelson, who departed this life December 26, 1914, aged 32 years. Sadly missed. Inserted by Ada and Nellie Sampson.

SAMPSON.—In loving memory of our dear sister-in-law, Ettie, who departed this life December 26, 1914. Inserted by L. and E. Bowen.

SLEET.—In loving memory of our dear father, George Alfred Sleet, who departed this life December 25, 1908. Inserted by his loving son and daughter-in-law, Walter and Daisey.

SLEET.—In loving memory of our dear father, George Alfred, who departed this life December 25, 1908.
As the ivy clings to the withered oak,
And all things else decay,
But the memory of the one we love
Will never fade away.
Inserted by his loving son and daughter-in-law, William and May Sleet, also his grandchildren, Arthur and Irene.

SLEET.—In loving memory of our dear father, George Alfred Sleet, who departed this life December 25, 1908. Inserted by his loving daughters, Jean and Ethel, and son-in-law Charlie.

SOUTHCOTT.—A tribute of unfailing love to the memory of our darling boy and brother, Norman Southcott, who departed this life December 25, 1914, aged 17. Safe in the arms of Jesus. Inserted by his loving parents, sister, and brother.

SOUTHCOTT.—In fond remembrance of Norman Reginald Southcott, who departed this life December 25, 1914. Inserted by Horry, Albert, Ossie, and Vic.

TAYLOR.—In sad but loving memory of my dear husband and our dear father, Thomas, who departed this life December 24, 1911.
All is sad within our memory,
Lonely are our hearts to-day,
For the one we loved so dearly
Has for ever passed away.
Inserted by his loving wife and family.

THOMSON.—Sacred to the memory of our dear father, Robert Thomson, who departed this life December 20, 1914. Sadly missed. Inserted by his loving wife and family.

THOMSON.—In loving memory of my brother, Walter, departed this life December 26, 1910.
The brother who to me was dearest
Is the one that I have lost,
Always remembered by his sister, J. Seymour.

WATLING.—In loving memory of my dear husband and our father, John K., who departed this life December 26, 1914. At rest. Inserted by his loving wife and daughters.

WATLING.—In loving memory of our dear father and grandfather, John K., who departed this life December 26, 1914. At rest. Inserted by his loving son and daughter-in-law and family.

WATLING.—In loving memory of our dear father and grandfather, John King Watling, who died December 26, 1914. Inserted by his loving daughter, Polly, and grandsons, Percy and George.

WATSON.—In loving and affectionate remembrance of my dear wife and mother, Margaret Charlotte Watson, who departed this life December 24, 1914. "One that we loved best is now at rest." Inserted by her loving husband and daughter, E. S. Watson and Edna.

WELCH.—In loving memory of our dear father, Henry Welch, who departed this life December 26, 1914.
We miss thee from our home, dear father,
We miss thee from thy place,
A shadow o'er our life is cast,
We miss the sunshine of thy face,
We miss thy kind and willing hand,
Thy fond and earnest care,
Our home is dark without thee,
We miss thee everywhere.
Inserted by his loving children, Annie, Horace, and Will.

WILLIAMS.—In loving memory of our dear daughter and sister, Elsie Doris (Dot), who departed this life December 25, 1910, aged 14 years 11 months.
Her end was peace, she fell asleep,
On earth to wake no more;
There she sleeps, but never weeps,
Happy for evermore.
Inserted by her loving parents and sister, Sam and Kate Williams and sister Rita.

WILLIAMS.—In loving memory of our dear sister, Elsie Doris (Dot), who departed this life December 25, 1910, aged 14 years 11 months.
We miss you still, dear sister,
'Tis sweet to breathe your name,
In life we loved you dearly,
In death we do the same.
Inserted by her loving sister and brother-in-law, Maggie and Harry Perry, and brother Sam.

WILLIAMS.—In loving memory of our dear sister, Elsie Doris (Dot), who departed this life December 25, 1910, aged 14 years 11 months.
Far and oft our thoughts do wander
To the grave not far away,
Where we laid our darling sister
Just five years ago to-day.
Inserted by her loving sister and brother-in-law, Stella and William Andrews, niece Cassie, nephews Willie and Harry.

WILLIAMS.—In loving memory of our dear sister, Elsie Doris (Dot), who departed this life December 25, 1910, aged 14 years 11 months.
All is sad within our memory,
Lonely are our hearts to-day,
For the one we love so dearly
Has for ever passed away.
Inserted by her loving sister, Ethel Dowd, brother Fred, nieces Elsie, Frances, Ethel, May.

WRIGHT.—In loving memory of my dear wife and mother, Martha, who departed this life on December 25, 1907.
'Tis just eight years ago to-day
Since my dear wife and mother passed away.
Forget her? no, we never will.
As years roll by we'll love her still.
Inserted by her loving husband and children, Robert, Ralph, Harold, and Gladys.

WRIGHT.—In loving memory of my dear mother, Martha, who departed this life December 25, 1907, aged 37 years. At rest.
I mourn for you, dear mother,
But not with outward show;
For those who mourn sincerely
Mourn silently and low.
Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law, Elsie and Herb. Austen.

WRIGHT.—In loving memory of our dear sister, Martha, who departed this life December 25, 1907, aged 37 years. Sadly missed. Inserted by her loving mother, sister, and brother-in-law, Lydia and James Brereton.

WRIGHT.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Martha Wright, who departed this life December 25, 1907. At rest.
Far and oft our thoughts do wander
To the grave not far away,
Where we laid our darling mother
Just eight years ago to-day.
Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law, Maud and Thomas Peterson.

WYLIE.—In loving memory of our darling mother, who was called home December 25, 1913. Gone, but not forgotten.
And while she lies in peaceful sleep
Her memory we will always keep.
Inserted by her loving daughters and son, Isabella, Amy, Jessie, and Edward Wylie.

YALDWYN.—In ever loving memory of our dear father and grandfather, Rowan Yaldwyn, who departed this life on December 26, 1915, aged 66 years. Inserted by his loving daughter and son-in-law, Ella and Jim Tierney, also by his grandchildren, Doris, Jim, and Kathleen.

RETURN THANKS.

Mr. and Mrs. DILLON and FAMILY, of 103 Liverpool-road, Ashfield, desire to return THANKS to all kind friends and relations for letters, telegrams, floral tributes, and kind expressions of sympathy, also Dr. Rodgers, matron and nurse of the Western Suburbs Cottage Hospital, for their kind attention, also Rev. Mr. Hoban and Mr. Williams, in their recent sad bereavement through the death of their little daughter Olive.

Mrs. FRANCES RORKE, Annandale, and Mr. and Mrs. HART tender their sincere THANKS to all kind relations and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy, letters, cards, and telegrams in their late sad bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. WILLISON, Westbourne-street, Petersham, desire to THANK Nurse Baskins, Adah, private hospital, Stanmore, for kindness and attention to their late beloved son, Bruce; also Dr. Birch, Dr. Acton, kind friends, and relatives, for cards, telegrams, letters, and floral tributes in their late sad bereavement.

Mrs. ETHEL WATSON and FAMILY, of Kensington, Barnsbury Grove, Dulwich Hill, desire to return their sincere THANKS to all kind relatives and friends for letters, cards, floral tributes, and all messages of sympathy received in their recent sad bereavement in the loss of her dear husband and their father, Charles Augustus Watson.

The DAUGHTERS of the late Mrs. L. B. BATES, late of Bankstown, Sydney, desire to return their sincere THANKS to relatives and friends for kind expressions of sympathy for floral tributes, letters, cards, telegrams, in their recent sad bereavement of the loss of our beloved mother.

The FAMILY of the late Mrs. GANDON, of Park-road, Glebe, wish to return their sincere THANKS to kind friends and neighbours for cards, letters, and floral tributes in their sad bereavement; also Mr. Mail and Sister Pile, and Miss Ross, for their untiring attention.

Mrs. R. F. LASCELLES and FAMILY wish to return THANKS to all their friends for their attention and sympathies before and during their recent bereavement in the loss of a husband and father.

Mrs. A. M. SOLOMON and Mrs. F. R. JOHNSON, of 15 Brown-street, Newtown, return their sincere THANKS to their many friends for kind sympathy, letters, cards, and telegrams during their late sad bereavement.

Mrs. S. WHITE and FAMILY, of Stanley-street, Waverley, desire to return THANKS to their friends for kind expressions of sympathy, telegrams, cards, and floral tributes received during their recent sad bereavement of the death of her husband and their father.

Mr. and Mrs. FRED. REMFRY and FAMILY, of Haroldene, Botany-street, South Kensington, desire to return THANKS to officers and men of Naval Reserve, neighbours, and friends for their great kindness in their recent sad bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. T. WATSON and FAMILY, of 136 Wellington-street, Waterloo, desire to THANK their many kind friends for their expressions of sympathy, floral tributes, letters, cards, etc., in their recent sad bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. McKEAN, of Albert-street, Belfield, Bankstown, desire to THANK their many kind friends for their expressions of sympathy, floral tributes, letters, cards, etc., in their recent sad bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. ROSS, Roach-street, Marrickville, return THANKS to kind friends and relations for letters, cards, telegrams, and expressions of sympathy in their recent sad bereavement, by the loss of their dear father and father-in-law, R. F. Lascelles.

Mrs. WARING and FAMILY, Seatondale, Milton-street, Ashfield, tender sincere THANKS to their many friends for kind expressions of sympathy and floral tributes in their recent sad bereavement.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1915.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

It is Christmas Day. But it is a strange Christmas, heavy with the world's woe. The great war still rages; millions of men, ranged in opposing camps, are still seeking to destroy one another. After 16 months of war, the world is plunged in misery: and the end is not yet—it is nowhere in sight. Instead of showing signs of healing, the bitternesses in men's hearts have become aggravated. We read last Christmas of the laying down of arms for a brief space, and the fraternising of British, French, and German soldiers in the trenches: to-day we read that there will be no such thing this Christmas. We are fighting an enemy who has placed himself outside the pale of civilisation and Christianity, who has piled horror on horror, recalling the worst days of barbarism—such barbarism as no man dreamed of seeing. The Lusitania crime, the fiendish use of poison-gas, the dropping of Zeppelin bombs upon defenceless women and children, the cold-blooded murder of Nurse Cavell—these and other manifestations of "frightfulness" calculated to terrify us into submission to the will which seeks to govern the world with blood and iron are things which can never be forgotten. And we cannot forget them on Christmas Day. When such things are done in the world it seems almost like mockery to cry: "Peace on earth, goodwill towards men." We cannot cry peace when there is no peace. There never can be peace until this enemy has been beaten to his knees. And it is in that spirit that we celebrate our Christmas. It would be mere hypocrisy were it otherwise. Week days and holy days, we must carry on the great fight. Only the children—the little innocents who cannot realise what war means—deserve to have a "Christmas"; the rest of us must needs go on fighting and working, each in his own way, to bring the war to a successful conclusion. But it is meet that at such a time the Government should set apart a day, as it has done, to be observed as a day of special prayer throughout the Commonwealth for Divine guidance and aid to the British Empire and her Allies in the great crisis through which the world is passing. In that earnest prayer all sections of the community will gladly unite; and in yielding to the appeal of the heads of the churches in this regard the Government of the Commonwealth has the thanks of all our people. There is a Ruler over all; there is a Will that governs and directs mankind; and, inscrutable as it all may seem, be sure that God is working in and through this war—"sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat." With all its terrors and all its miseries, there will be born out of the war a better and a nobler world. It has been called a war of purification. And who can doubt that the world needed purifying? We were living in a world of gross materialism, and it required a great convulsion to awaken us. We were forgetting God. Just as, sometimes, a convulsion of nature is necessary to maintain the stability of the earth so now there has come this convulsion of mankind.

We are engaged in a war from which, as we believe, there was no honourable way of escape: and the desire of all who love their country is to serve it in the hour of its need, and so to live and labour that those who have fallen may not have died in vain. It will cost millions of money; it may cost many more thousands of brave lives; but we must go on till it is finished—till the way is clear for the only peace that is possible. We are fighting for a great principle, for a high ideal, and there can be no turning back. The souls of men are stirred to their depths. "Among the soldiers of France," Lord Bryce has written in an article on "The Immediate Duty of Christian Men," "defending their country with a gallantry that moves our admiration, we hear of a revived sense of the unseen world, and an earnest quest for some moral and spiritual basis of life. Among our own soldiers we are told of many who say that their belief in God gives them a serenity and calmness in danger which they would otherwise have thought it impossible to possess." We recall, this Christmas Day, a noble painting inspired by this war, depicting the Christ on the Cross, and a dying soldier clinging to His feet. We recall innumerable instances of heroism on this battlefield and that on the part of common men who, though they were never trained to be soldiers, have gone forth on this great Crusade, fighting for God and country. Of old we passed them by and knew them not; but the war has taught us that heroic qualities were latent in the ordinary men we used to rub shoulders with in the street. Out of unsuspected places we have unearthed pure gold. The war has taught us to respect each other more. It has revealed wondrous springs of devotion, self-sacrifice, and patriotism among men and women of all classes and all creeds; and if the great struggle between nations which for centuries have borne the name of Christian indicates some deep-seated failure to understand the principles of Christ, and to apply them to human affairs, may we not claim that it is helping us to a better understanding of those principles and a more honest attempt to apply them to the world's affairs? In the very decay may we not see the signs of progress? And in this time of war we are casting away all that was dross in our lives, and keeping that which is good. So when at happy last the time of peace comes, we may be the better for all we have passed through; a nation purged and purified. Germany, too, by God's grace, will enter upon a new life, free from the trammels of militarism; and the children of the new generations in that land, instead of nourishing hatred in their souls, may come to look upon us not as their enemies but as their liberators. As the Humanity League of Germany puts it in the Christmas manifesto, Germany must restore her character and win back the honour which she has forfeited by barbarous cruelty and insatiable lust. In that hope, we can join heartily to-day in the prayer with which the "Address of the German Theologians to the Evangelical Christians Abroad" concluded—"The Holy God carries on His work to its goal, even through the storm and horror of war, and permits no human wickedness to defeat His purpose. Therefore, we come before Him with the prayer, 'Hallowed be Thy name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done.'"

THE WAR AND COMMERCE.

Mr. Runciman did very well to insist on the determination of his own and of all the Allied Governments not to allow any consideration of what may happen after the war to interfere with the immediate pursuit of victory. Peace by victory was the motto chosen by M. Briand for the new French Government, and it has been adopted by the Prime Ministers of each of the four great Powers in their answers to his message of greeting. The first test to be applied to any measures for the development of trade and commerce during the war is whether they will help to crush Germany or to support the Allied armies. If they fail under this test they will be abandoned. If they will help the Allies and give no help to Germany, then a Minister may consider whether they will contribute to the enormous revenue which must be raised after the war whatever its result. Mr. Runciman had no difficulty in showing that the agreement with Denmark satisfied his own standard. It will help Great Britain to some extent to maintain the industries which are necessary for the production of the national wealth; it will not add one penny to the amount of wealth at present in Germany, or one article of food for the people, or munitions for the troops. If the agreement satisfies these conditions, no reasonable critic will complain that it abrogates Sir Edward Grey's test of the policy of a neutral by comparison of imports before and after the war, or that it may give the Americans occasion to point out that the blockade is an outrage on international law, because it is incomplete. If the Government has to admit any mistakes in its treatment of German commerce, it can find them in its delay in imposing the blockade, and in its attempt to justify it by precedent. The blockade was a reply to an act which was itself without precedent—the decision of the German Government to sink British and neutral merchantmen without warning. It could have been withdrawn shortly after its introduction if the British Government had been willing to negotiate on the basis that both parties were equally in the wrong. The Germans offered to make concessions when they found that while the British had lost only a negligeable percentage, their ports and factories were altogether idle. But in the meantime they had at once added a further outrage to the work of the troops, and taught the British the extent of their naval power. The navy is now able to patrol the whole coast of Europe and change the destination of any goods which seem to be intended to reach Germany. The exercise of such a power has naturally put a check on commerce, both in Great Britain and in neutral countries. The agreements of which those with Denmark and Switzerland are typical, will to some extent diminish the loss to innocent parties without relieving the guilty. The Germans will be able to get certain goods from oversea, but they will have to pay for them in gold, or in a depreciated paper currency. Merchants will be able to trade more freely with countries bordering on Germany, but subject to a formidable list of prohibited exports, and to the right of visit and search for contraband which remains unqualified.

The treaty with Denmark is in some respects more significant for what it implies than for what it wants. There can be no doubt of the reality of sea power when a nation may say to a neutral how it shall or shall not regulate its oversea commerce. All the German boasts of their challenge in the North Sea will not alter the fact that before any nation re-exports goods to them it must get the permission of Great Britain, and will not get that permission if those goods are of any use. With this consequence before them the German Government can appreciate the truth of Mr. Asquith's statement that not all the mistakes of the war have been on the side of the Allies. No set of Ministers ever made a more terrible mistake than the German General Staff when it made it inevitable that Great Britain would immediately enter the war. Great Britain would, no doubt, have been bound to declare war sooner or later. But if the German army had never entered Belgium the declaration might have been too late. Critics who insist that in war time civilians should always give way to the military forget the three most momentous decisions of the German General Staff, all three undertaken against the inclination of the Chancellor. The first decision was to invade Belgium after the Chancellor had assented to Sir Edward Grey's demand that the northern coast of France would be exempt from attack; the second decision was to carry out the invasion with unspeakable brutality; the third was to carry the practice of assassination on to the high seas. The result of the first decision was the unanimity of the British Cabinet in favour of intervention; of the second, the enthusiastic enlistment of the pick of Englishmen; of the third, the destruction of German trade. The consequences of British intervention have not been what were expected, owing mainly to the success of the General Staff in revising its strategy after the defeat of the Marne, and to the skill of the German authorities in manipulating the public credit. But though the war has already been prolonged beyond the limit fixed in many well-informed computations, its length has only served to emphasise the value of the British contribution. The Germans with great foresight seized the Belgian coast, but they have not been able to use the Belgian harbours, except to prevent an enemy landing. The check placed upon their industry has produced the one sign of a weakening of resolution among the German people, as the prospect of meeting a new army has produced the one plea for a truce from an authoritative German writer. It is possible that the present impoverishment of Germany will prolong the war, since a large number of the governing classes will regard the wealth to be extracted from Great Britain as their only refuge from bankruptcy. At present it is evidently an important influence in the strategy of their leaders. The armies in the west cannot afford to hold their positions merely, though they are in occupied territory. They must attack with the prospect of losses equal to those which were suffered in the counter-attacks at Loos and in the Champagne, or, at all events, they must advertise their intention to do so.

THE WOUNDED.

MORE SOLDIERS TO ARRIVE TO-DAY.

MOTOR SERVICE.

This morning a ship will arrive with 158 returned invalided soldiers for New South Wales and 55 for Queensland. The Red Cross Society is calling up motor cars on the voluntary register from 278 to 292, and from 1 to 62, to be at the No. 1 wharf, Woolloomooloo Bay, at 9 o'clock. All the returned soldiers will be driven to the No. 4 Base Hospital, Randwick, where a Christmas dinner has been prepared by the wives of the doctors of the hospital staff, who will be assisted at the tables by young ladies of one of the voluntary aid detachments.

This afternoon the Queenslanders will leave the hospital at 3 o'clock to catch the Brisbane mail train. They will be accompanied to Brisbane by four members of the Gordon Men's Voluntary Aid Detachment. Some of the residents of Gosford are providing tea for the soldiers on the train, and another welcome will await the soldiers at Newcastle.

In connection with to-day's motor car arrangements, Mrs. Ashton and Miss Garvan explain that owners of private cars—this being Christmas Day—will not be expected to help with the transport in the afternoon.

The Red Cross Society is providing the Christmas dinner for the sick and convalescent men in the camp at Liverpool. Members of the society will visit the camp during the afternoon. The society is also providing for the soldiers at Milson's Island.

PERSONAL.

The State Premier, Mr. Holman, intends paying a visit to Tasmania towards the end of next month.

The members of the Legislative Council and officials met on Thursday at Parliament House to wish "bon voyage" to the president, Mr. Fred Flowers, on the eve of his departure for Europe. The president's health was proposed by the vice-president of the Executive Council (Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald), and supported by Mr. John Garland. Mr. B. B. O'Conor (who will act as deputy-president in Mr. Flowers' absence), Mr. James Wilson, Mr. Alex. Kethel, Mr. F. H. Bryant, Mr. E. H. Farrar, M's.L.C., and Mr. W. L. S. Cooper, clerk of the Parliaments, on behalf of the officers of the House. Mr. Flowers said that he would inquire, when abroad, into the food supply, more especially in connection with meat, and endeavour to make arrangements with the Imperial Government to bring about a direct supply of that commodity. Mr. Flowers' wife and daughter are at present in London, while his two sons are serving with the Australian Expeditionary Forces abroad.

Captain E. D. L. Brownell, of the Worcestershire Regiment, who, after being severely wounded in Flanders, came out here to explain the manufacture and use of bombs, and who, with two other men, owing to the premature explosion of a bomb, was badly burned, is able to get about again. He was cordially welcomed at Victoria Barracks yesterday.

The Wheat Acquisition Board completed the first anniversary of its labours yesterday, and to commemorate the occasion, the secretary (Mr. George Fitzpatrick) entertained the departmental officers at dinner at Paris House in the evening.

It will be learned with regret that Mrs. Hogue, wife of Mr. J. A. Hogue, has had a serious relapse from the severe illness that overtook her seven months ago. Within the last day or two Mrs. Hogue's condition, while the cause of great anxiety to her family, has somewhat improved, and hopes are now entertained that restoration to health is only a question of time.

STATE GEOLOGIST.

MR. CARNE'S APPOINTMENT.

It is officially announced that Mr. J. E. Carne, F.G.S., Assistant Government Geologist, is to be appointed State Government Geologist, and in the meantime will act in that capacity.

Mr. Carne has been prominently associated with New South Wales mining, and the many works on the subject which have appeared under his name are regarded as authoritative. He is an Australian by birth, and the son of a Riverina pioneer. He entered the State Geological Department in 1879, and in the following year was associated in field work with the ill-fated Lamont Young, the State Geological Surveyor, who, with a party, mysteriously disappeared some time afterwards in the bush near Bermagui, his fate never being ascertained.

In 1883 Mr. Carne was appointed Curator of the State Mining and Geological Museum, Sydney, and later mineralogist to the State Department of Mines. In 1892 he was appointed second geological surveyor on the departmental staff, shortly afterwards becoming senior officer. In 1902 he became Assistant Government Geologist.

In 1898 he inaugurated the Mineral Resources Series of the New South Wales Geological Survey, his own contributions including—"Notes on Chromic Iron Ore, with a Register of New South Wales Localities," "Notes on the Occurrence of Tungsten Ores in New South Wales," and "The Copper Mining Industry and the Distribution of Copper Ores in New South Wales." In the Memoirs of the Geological Survey he reported on "The Kerosene Shale Deposits of New South Wales." His work, "The Geology and Mineral Resources of New South Wales Western Coal-fields," is a comprehensive production. He produced "The New South Wales Tin Mining Industry and the Distribution of Tin Ores."

Mr. Carne visited Papua in 1912 for the Federal Government, and explored a large area of country in search of petroleum. The result of this expedition was a lengthy report, "Notes on the Occurrence of Coal, Petroleum, and Copper in Papua," issued by the Department of External Affairs. He is now engaged in preparing a report on the limestone and marble deposits and the cement industry of the State.

THE CALL FOR MEN.

"EVERY MAN IS WANTED."

Captain A. E. Darcy, of the 12th Light Horse, writing to a friend in Forbes, says:—"Every man who can come is wanted, and as soon as he can get away. It is not fair, because men are here doing their work, and still able to do it, that they should be kept at it month after month, until they break down in health. Do those stay-at-homes realise what it will mean to them should the day ever arrive when the call is brought to them by the police, that they shall report as "conscripts" for service? The war is not won yet, but it will be if we can get enough soldiers. There are plenty of men available, but we want them as volunteers—not pressed men."

EGYPT.

WOMEN PROHIBITED FROM LANDING.

Mr. W. Service, superintendent in Sydney of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, has received a cable message from the company's superintendent at Suez, to the effect that no ladies embarking after the 20th inst will be allowed to land in Egypt.

WAR TIME IN LONDON.

(BY OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Mr. Churchill's Resignation.

LONDON, Nov. 19.

Mr. Churchill's resignation and his speech of justification of his much-criticised work at the Admiralty have intensified the political interest of the moment—though it is more and more plain to see that merely political developments have lost most of their aforetime grip of the public mind. Mr. Churchill, nevertheless, is always a picturesque figure, and, as such, always assured of an audience. It is obvious from his letter of resignation that he expected to be appointed to the War Council of the Cabinet, and that he was disappointed to find that no place had been made for him. But such are the freakish ways of fate or fortune. The chances are that such an appointment would have had but a cold reception from the public at large, while the speech in which the ex-Minister took temporary farewell of politics is almost universally approved. It was certainly a very able statement. It said various things that a less aggressive spirit would have left unsaid, and it is suggested that other things were omitted for various reasons, not one of which was the lack of Mr. Churchill for their publicity. Lord Fisher's reply in the House of Lords a day or two ago, with its brief sentence of "wait and see," was, however, at least as impressive as Mr. Churchill's attack. But on the whole the ex-First Lord made a very effective exit, and one that leaves us with a vivid memory of him as perhaps an impetuous and over-assertive Cabinet Minister, but certainly a brilliant and masterful man.

Lord Haldane Speaks.

Lord Haldane's introduction to an address delivered by him last night on quite another subject is of great interest, in that it insisted that his historical and much-discussed visit to the German Emperor in 1912 had a result quite other than that which has always been attached to it. One of the chief of those complaints against Lord Haldane, which eventually led to his retirement from the Government, is to the effect that he returned from Berlin on that occasion so completely deceived by the statesmen he met there that, not only had he learned nothing of Germany's real intentions, but was convinced of her friendly feeling for England and the certainty of continued peace between the two nations. Last night, however, Lord Haldane declared that this was far from being the case. He came back to England, he said, with substantial information as to what was afoot, he gave that information to his colleagues of the Cabinet, and they so acted upon it "that we were able to mobilise not only the fleet but the army in the first moment of the outbreak of war." That, of course, is well; but it still remains a fact that much of England's great effort at the beginning of the war and for months afterwards was in the nature of a gigantic improvisation. Doubtless, all the many discrepancies that so bewilderingly float about us will be explained satisfactorily in days to come. Also, the reference to the readiness of the fleet as being the result of Lord Haldane's communications to the Government in 1912 materially increases the number of those who are credited with that all-powerful influence upon the course of the war.

The War Council in Paris.

London knew nothing of the proposed War Council in Paris until yesterday evening, when the newspapers were officially informed that Ministers had arrived in the French capital. It cannot be said that much surprise was in evidence. Mr. Asquith's recent statements as to co-ordination of the allied consultative forces, the establishment of Britain's War Council, the visit of General Joffre—all these are influences which have led us to expect almost anything in the way of departure from our customary methods of war control. The meeting in Paris, however, comes so soon after the voyage of Lord Kitchener to places far-off but unknown that it cannot fail to impress the public mind with the gravity of the existing situation.

Green Envelopes.

Unfortunately for the censorship in respect of the public's estimation of it, the field its operations cover is a very wide one. Just now it is in sad disfavour once again, this time, however, on its military side. Certain green envelopes in which soldiers, writing home to friends and relatives, used to enclose their letters, were, it appears, discarded by the authorities, and other envelopes substituted for them. But that is no adequate reason for the absurdity which has now disgraced officialism. People in this country have had from their soldier friends in France letters which, on being opened, were found to contain nothing but a printed official statement to the effect that "this envelope is obsolete, and should not have been used. Its contents have been destroyed." [illegible] more pitifully [illegible] It is bitter disappointment to the recipients of this masterly document, and in some cases even grave distress of mind. [illegible] for example, writes to say that [illegible] letter which was thus destroyed was from her husband. He was killed shortly after [illegible] It was his last word to his wife. But it was in the wrong envelope, and the official [illegible] all sublime it is to make the punishment fit the sort of crime [illegible] This, surely, is the very ecstasy of Bumbledom.

Is there an Australian National Anthem?

I have been approached this week on a musical detail and an Australian musical detail—which I regret to find myself unable to handle. Perhaps some other Australian could help towards it. At the [illegible] concerts of the Queen's Hall Orchestra the programme begins nowadays with the National Anthem or air of one of the allied countries. One day that of Russia is played, for example, next day that of France, and so on. There has been so played on various occasions a composition entitled "A Song of Australia," by C. Linger. It has been orchestrated by Sir Henry Wood, the words of the song are printed in the programme, and there is a note which says that Mrs. Carlton's words and Mr. Linger's music together make a song "which next after the National Anthem is the most popular patriotic air in Australia, and is sung on all public occasions." It is a South Australian song, and it won a number of years ago, the programme note goes on to say, "a prize of twenty-five guineas offered by the Gawler Institute." The compiler of the programme now writes to me, however, asking among other things whether this song has any official character, whether it is rightly to be called "The Song of Australia," and if not, what is Australia's National Anthem? I have replied to the effect that I do not know this song as the Australian National Anthem. I have duly pointed out that what may pass in one State as such goes unheard in another State. I have mentioned in respect of our own State, Mr. McCormick's "Advance, Australia Fair," and the New South Wales Musical Association's more recent "National Song"—but I am still conscious of being unable to guide the Queen's Hall Orchestra to performance of the Australian National Anthem. Is there such a thing? If not, could the Commonwealth Government not set about the task of discovering one that might be officially set forth as such to the world at large?

UNITED INTERCESSION SERVICE.

In the Domain to-morrow afternoon a united intercession service for our Empire and soldiers will be held under the auspices of the Church of England, Presbyterian, Methodist, Congregational, and Baptist churches, the Church of Christ and the Salvation Army. Archbishop Wright will preside.

GERMAN RECAPTURED.

Richard Mayer, the German prisoner who escaped whilst being engaged in clearing dense undergrowth at Williams Creek, Holsworthy, on Wednesday, was recaptured yesterday, and will be returned to the camp.

THE WEST.

ENEMY PREPARES

FOR BIG OFFENSIVE.

THE BALKANS CAMPAIGN

According to an Amsterdam message, everything is ready for a great German offensive in the west. Swiss reports are to the same effect.

The French hold all the captured ground over a two-kilometre front at Hartman's Weilerkopf (Alsace).

Austrian artillery is said to be approaching Greece.

Heretofore, says an Athens message, Germany has not given Greece the desired guarantees concerning incursion by the Bulgars. Hence, the statement attributed to Germany that Salonica will be reached by January 15, has created an acute crisis in Athens.

Salonica advices state that the Bulgarians are occupying strategic positions along their front. One hundred and twenty thousand are assembled at the Strumnitza base, and they expect to be able to attack the Allies when they have 180,000 troops.

It is admitted in Berlin that the Austro-Germans are experiencing the greatest difficulties in Montenegro.

It is reported from Geneva that a brother of Enver Bey (Turkish Minister for War) declares that the Turks will attack the Suez Canal towards the end of January.

DARDANELLES.

THE BRITISH CASUALTIES.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

In the House of Commons to-night Mr. H. J. Tennant, Under-Secretary for War, said the total casualties in the Dardanelles to the 11th inst. were:—

	Officers.	Men.
Killed	1609	23,670
Wounded	2969	72,222
Missing	337	12,114
Totals	4915	108,006

There were also 96,683 sick sent to the hospitals in the same period.

Mr. Tennant added:—It is undesirable to publish the names of the Suvla officers who have been relieved of their commands. None of them were cashiered.

Sir Ian Hamilton had convinced him there were great difficulties in the way of the speedy presentation of his report. The delay did not rest with Sir Ian Hamilton.

German reports state that 45,000 Turks have passed Bulair from Gallipoli.

SEA OF MARMORA.

SUBMARINE EXPLOITS.

A submarine officer, describing 24 days cruising in the Sea of Marmora, says:—We were under fire on an average thrice daily. We penetrated all sorts of places, shelled the railway and blocked the line. A troop train came up. It was very amusing to see the train hiding in the trees. We smashed it all to blazes, and the troops scattered. They fired tons of ammunition, but we were out of range.

Altogether we sank a gunboat, five steamers, 17 large sailers, and destroyed three trains, and one embankment. We dived for Constantinople, torpedoing the arsenal wharf, and blew up some lighters loaded with munitions. The explosion was terrific. We had a duel with a gunboat, which was driven off. After that we were left alone. Everything ran when we came near. The only drawback to the cruise was that all of us suffered from dysentery.

SUEZ CANAL.

THE TURKISH ATTACK

"FIXED FOR END OF JANUARY."

GENEVA, Dec. 24.

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PERSIA.

RUSSIANS DISPERSE REBELS.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 23.

A communique states: We dislodged the rebels at Aribarik, north-westward of Hamadan (185 miles south-west of Teheran), and occupied Assa Baba Pass (southward of Hamadan). We also stormed the village of Save (near Kum), dispersing the rebels and 600 gendarmes.

THE BALKANS.

SALONICA.

THE ENEMY OBJECTIVE.

"ACUTE CRISIS IN ATHENS."

LONDON, Dec. 22.

Berlin correspondents admit that the Austro-Germans are experiencing the greatest difficulties in Montenegro. It is nearly impossible to advance, owing to a fearful snowstorm and on account of determined attacks by irregular troops.

News from Salonica states that German cavalry are escorting large Bulgarian convoys from Strumnitza to Ghevgeli (40 miles north-west of Salonica). Two Turkish divisions are approaching Doiran, and two Bulgarian divisions with heavy German batteries are marching towards Monastir, where King Ferdinand is quartered. British troops are landing uninterruptedly.

A Bucharest message says that 60,000 Bulgarian and German troops concentrated at Rustchuk are displacing Turkish troops.

THE BULGARIANS.

It is reported from Salonica that Monastir is famine-stricken. Thousands are without bread, and there is no prospect of getting any. The Mussulman poor are the worst sufferers. Deaths from starvation occur daily.

The Bulgarians are occupying strategic positions along their front. Heavy guns have been brought from Varna to utilise at the Strumnitza base, where 120,000 are assembled. They expect to be able to attack the Allies when they have 180,000 troops.

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THE SERVIANS.

Prince Alexis Kara Georgevitch, in an interview, stated that the Servians are occupying lines in various parts of Albania. They have also connected up with the Italian expedition. The Servians engaged the Bulgarians eastward of El Bassan, where a battle has been raging for the past three days.

BRITISH DIPLOMACY.

In the House of Commons last night Lord Robert Cecil (Under-Secretary to the Foreign Office), replying to criticisms on the Foreign Office diplomacy, said the suggestion by a Greek statesman that the Foreign Office had rejected Greece's alliance and assistance was absolutely without foundation. Of what may have happened before he joined the Government he could not speak, but the whole keynote of Sir Edward Grey's policy for years had been to produce unity in the Balkans instead of discord. Complaints had been made of the Foreign Office secrecy. If the people who made the complaints were inside the Foreign Office for a week they would see that as long as Britain had to co-operate with foreign Powers, it could not be done in the light of day. Secrecy could be easily denounced and derided, but a measure of secrecy was absolutely essential.

GERMAN TRADE.

BRITAIN AWAKENING.

INTERESTING INVESTIGATIONS.

Mr. Walter Runciman (President of the Board of Trade), replying to questions in the House of Commons regarding trade relations after the war, said any investigations which were being conducted were not being made with the idea of hastening the return of peace. There could be no peace until the main object for which we were fighting had been attained.

Nearly every department of commercial life, however, had been constantly thinking what was likely to happen when the war was over, and how to best prepare for such contingencies. It was certain the relationship between Germany and Austria—what might finally become a Central Powers Zollverein—was bound to conflict with our interests.

There were also such questions as the use British ports were made of by German tonnage, and aliens' ownership of real property in Britain—notably, the coalfields. They were taking good care that no German should stand in their way. The Board of Trade was closely watching British interests, for which everything else would be sacrificed. One of the most remarkable romances in industry had been the skill with which the Germans had gathered together control of the oilfields of Europe and the East. The question was how far this raw material, seeing its value as a motive power for transport, would pass from German to British control.

Mr. Runciman added, "I think, as far as commerce is concerned, Germany is a beaten nation. It is our business to see she does not again lift up her head after the war."

HAMBURG.

FEAR OF AIR RAID.

It is reported from Amsterdam that a sensation was caused in Hamburg by a rumour that an Allied air fleet was arriving. The public fright was so great that General Roell issued a long series of orders to the effect that when 10 gunshots were fired trams and trains should be stopped and emptied of people, who were ordered to go home by the shortest routes.

All lights were to be extinguished and special protective measures were to be taken on the harbour. When the peril was over public criers would parade the streets with trumpets and drums and give necessary instructions.

The raid has not occurred, but the people in Hamburg continue panic-stricken, and fear to go out after sunset.

MUNITIONS.

GREAT BRITAIN'S OUTPUT.

PARIS, Dec. 24.

The "Journal des Debats," describing Britain's industrial mobilisation, says: If you pile Creusot on Essen and multiply by 10, by 20—by 50, you have an idea of Britain's output of munitions and guns.

WESTERN FRONT.

GERMAN OFFENSIVE.

THE ENEMY'S PREPARATIONS.

LONDON, Dec. 24.

The Amsterdam "Telegraaf" says that everything is ready for a great German offensive in the west. The transport of troops is decreasing. Special attention is being paid to the communications, with a view to swiftly throwing in reserves. The transport of munitions continues. The depots are being filled with supplies of all sorts. German officers are enthusiastic, but the men appear indifferent.

FIGHTING IN ALSACE.

A French communique says:—The enemy resultlessly counter-attacked at Hartman's Weilerkopf. We continued our progress on the right.

We hold all the captured ground on the centre and right over a two kilometres front on the south-east summit of Hartman's Weilerkopf. Our forces on the northern slope retired to their original position after a violent bombardment and enemy counter-attack.

Unofficial accounts state that the attack is important, as the enemy has been concentrating large forces in Alsace in view of an offensive.

It is unofficially reported in Paris that General Von Mackensen is in command in Alsace.

Swiss reports indicate that the Germans have been heavily reinforced. There is growing artillery activity from Ypres to the La Bassee Canal. This is believed to herald a big German offensive.

GERMAN VERSION.

A Berlin wireless claims:—The 82nd Landwehr Brigade recaptured the summit at Hartman's Weilerkopf. The enemy, who suffered sanguinary losses, left 23 officers and 1530 men, who were taken prisoners. We are now clearing the northern slope. Our losses were 1100.

TONNAGE.

CONTROL OF SHIPPING.

CAUSE OF HIGH FREIGHTS.

Replying to suggestions in the House of Commons that the Government should control shipping, Mr. A. J. Balfour (First Lord of the Admiralty) said that freights had risen simply because the demand had outrun the supply. The limitation of tonnage was the real cause of the difficulty.

Criticisms had been levelled at the Admiralty because it had commandeered tonnage and then failed to properly use it. At the present time there was a transport department, comprising ship-owners of the highest experience. Its main duty was to obtain for the army the necessary shipping for the conveyance of troops and supplies with a minimum of inconvenience to the shipping trade. These transports were ordered by the army, and served the purpose of the Allies in the same way as the enormous and intricate system of railways did the Central Powers.

The British fleet and the mercantile marine had to bear an enormous responsibility. No doubt there had been a wastage in tonnage. An angel from heaven could not have eliminated the wastage. He did not reject the proposal that the Government should own the whole of the mercantile marine, but many difficult and complicated questions would arise. On the other hand it was impossible to leave the whole of the mercantile fleet quite free.

He was sorry the Munitions Bill had not passed, as it made the building of merchant vessels war work. Every delay diminished the amount of tonnage available, maintained freights at the present terrible level, and increased the cost of innumerable articles essential for the proper carrying on of the war.

GERMANY.

RECENT DEMONSTRATIONS.

MOB ATTACK CHANCELLOR'S RESIDENCE.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 24.

The "Telegraaf" states that the recent demonstrations in Germany were more serious than was at first revealed. Several thousand persons, mostly women, marched to the residence of Herr von Bethmann Hollweg (German Imperial Chancellor), and threw stones at the windows. The mob chased a number of officers to a neighbouring cafe, women shouting: "Our men are at the front; that is also your place."

The police, with drawn swords, dispersed the crowd.

EXPLOSION.

ENEMY POWDER FACTORY.

The Amsterdam "Telegraaf" states that 400 persons, mostly the wives of soldiers and children, were killed by the explosion at the powder works at Munster (in Prussia, 29 miles south-west of Osnabruck).

GERMAN HUMANITY LEAGUE.

APPEAL FOR PEACE.

ROTTERDAM, Dec. 23.

The German Humanity League, in a Christmas manifesto, appeals to Germans to end the war, and adds: "To-day the German name is the scorn of civilisation. The German flag has become a badge of infamy. Our chivalry is buried in village grave plots in Flanders. Germany must restore her character and win back the honour which has been forfeited by barbarous cruelty and insatiable lust. Napoleon failed, and the Kaiser must fail. There can be no peace until he is deposed from a Throne which he has fouled, and his fellow conspirators meet their fate at the hands of the executioner."

MERCHANT SHIPPING.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

The steamer Hurunui, which left Wellington on October 12, has arrived at London.

The steamer Devon has left London for Sydney. The auxiliary schooner Gilbert Islands has left London for Sydney.

KING'S MESSAGE

To the Empire.

"THE GOAL DRAWS NEARER."

MELBOURNE, Friday.

The following message, issued by his Majesty the King, has been received by the Governor-General (Sir Ronald Munro Ferguson) from the Secretary of State for the Colonies (Mr. A. Bonar Law):—

"Another Christmas finds all the resources of the Empire still engaged in war, and I desire to convey, on my own and the Queen's behalf, a heartfelt Christmas greeting and our good wishes for the New Year to all who, on sea or land, are upholding the honour of the British name.

"In the officers and men of my navy, on whom the security of the Empire depends, I repose, in common with all my subjects, a trust that is absolute. On the officers and men of my armies, whether now in France, in the East, or in other fields, I rely with an equal faith, confident that their devotion, their valour, and their sacrifice will, under God's guidance, lead to victory and an honourable peace.

"There are many of their comrades, alas, in hospital, and to these brave men also I desire, with the Queen, to express my deep gratitude and my warmest prayers for their recovery.

"Officers and men of the navy and the army, another year is drawing to a close, as it began, in toil, bloodshed, and suffering. But we rejoice to know that the goal to which you are striving draws nearer into sight. May God bless you and all your undertakings."

AUSTRIAN SUBMARINES.

CAPTURED BY ALLIES.

LONDON, Dec. 24.

The Rome "Messaggero" states that two of the Allied submarines captured an Austrian submarine.

The Allied warships sank a convoy of Arab ships full of troops off the Yemen coast.

AUSTRIAN SHIP.

SUNK BY THE ITALIANS.

ROME, Dec. 24.

An Italian destroyer sank an Austrian ship laden with arms in the Adriatic. An Austrian submarine attacked the destroyer, but the latter rammed and cut her assailant in halves.

LINER SUNK.

THE YASAKA MARU.

PORT SAID, Dec. 23.

The Yasaka Maru (10,932 tons) was sunk without warning on Tuesday afternoon. The vessel sank within 30 minutes. A French gunboat picked up the passengers and crew at midnight, and landed them at Port Said.

Passengers express great admiration for the skill of the captain and his officers, and the discipline of the crew. The disembarkation was carried out in the most perfect order and with the greatest promptitude. The passengers numbered 120, of whom 81 are British, six Japanese, and one American. The crew numbered 200.

THE BLOCKADE.

LORD ROBERT CECIL'S STATEMENT.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

In the House of Commons Lord Robert Cecil (Under-Secretary to the Foreign Office), referring to the blockade, said that no linseed had been exported from Britain for months. It might be true that other oil-bearing substances were exported in undue quantities. That was a vital matter with which we had to deal. It was not Britain's policy to go to war with neutral nations in order to effectively blockade Germany. We could only stop goods on the sea which we knew were going to Germany. Those who suggested that there was someone in the Foreign Office under German influence were mere hysterical neurotics who, when things were not going right for the moment, turned to those trying to serve the country, and said: "You are traitors. We are betrayed. You are the friends of the enemy. That is why we are not succeeding."

Lord Robert Cecil added: "This disgraceful state of things ought to be stamped upon. A few months ago Sir Edward Grey was regarded as the representative of all that is best in our public life. Now some people are trying to blame him for our misfortunes."

GERMAN EMPEROR.

The German Emperor is suffering from cellular inflammation, and is compelled to remain indoors.

SIR ERNEST CASSEL.

GIFT TO RED CROSS.

Sir Ernest Cassel, P.C., has given a Christmas gift of £25,000 in war stock to the Red Cross Fund.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A Paris message states that the death rate among the sick and wounded soldiers was 53 per thousand in October, 1914. The number has regularly fallen since, and now it is 18 per thousand.

A Copenhagen message says that the commercial circles oppose the Danish agreement, considering that it gives Britain too much control.

The newspapers are not publishing on Christmas Day.

It is understood that the Russian banks have negotiated a 60,000,000 dollars (about £12,000,000) 5 per cent. loan in New York, on the condition that the money is spent in America.

It is reported from Copenhagen that Mr. Ford has entered a sanatorium in order to avoid nervous breakdown. The rest of the party who arrived at Stockholm are greatly disappointed, owing to the Norwegian Premier's declaration that Norway cannot be associated with a private peace conference.

WAR NOTES.

GREECE AND THE BULGARS.

It was thought when the Austro-Germans and the Bulgarians halted upon the Greek frontier that if any of them were to cross that line with the object of marching south against the Anglo-French in the Salonica region it would only be the Austro-Germans. Even if the Bulgarians wanted to do so the supposition was that the Germans would not countenance such a thing. For, after all, the Greeks do not love the Bulgars, and, whatever the Hellenic Government might or might not do in regard to incidents outside their own border, it is certain that the advent of a Bulgarian army upon Greek soil would be bitterly resented. Whether this resentment would carry Greece to the length of war in the present circumstances is open to doubt, but still there is just a possibility that it would. When Italy threw in her lot with the Entente, the Germans declared: "We must at all hazards prevent any further additions to the States at war with us:" and, looking back over the past few months, we are grimly conscious of the fact that they have most thoroughly lived up to that declaration. Thus it was assumed that Germany would not take the risk of goading Greece to active hostility by encouraging the Bulgarians to cross the border. But, if this morning's message from Bucharest be true, then Greece has definitely asked Germany for guarantees in the matter and the latter has refused to give them—which, on the face of it, would mean that Germany is prepared to risk the ranging of Greece against the Central Alliance. But it may also mean that Germany is fairly certain that Greece won't fight anybody. For our part it is absolutely useless to attempt to forecast the course events will take; but, in the meantime, the reported movements of Austro-German and Bulgarian troops on the Greek border certainly do seem to lend an air of authority to the Bucharest cable.

THE GATHERING STORM.

Evidence appears to be piling up in support of the view that the Germans are about to undertake a formidable offensive on the western front, and, judging by this morning's cables, the preparations have been carried to such a pitch that the movement is now actually on the point of being launched. The Amsterdam "Telegraaf" states that the westward transport of troops is decreasing, but special attention is being paid to the communications, with a view to the swift throwing in of reserves. The idea that the depth of winter means a cessation of fighting does not hold good, for, if the reader casts back to twelve months ago he will remember that there was very severe fighting in the last few days of 1914 in the Ypres region and down between the Meuse and the Moselle; while January saw big struggles at various points throughout the line from Switzerland to the sea. January 13 was the date of the important German success at Soissons, when the French were forced to abandon five miles of trenches and to recross the Aisne leaving guns and wounded behind them. January 27 was the German Emperor's birthday, and it will be remembered how strenuously but unavailingly his troops fought to give him a befitting "birthday present." So, if the Germans are now in a position to deliver a big blow on the western front, there is no reason why it should not be launched forthwith. The heightened activity that has been noticeable throughout the line during the past week or so is pretty good evidence that dramatic events are pending, and from this alone we might adjudge that the immediate future will bring us news of vital importance.

GERMANY'S WIRELESS FACILITIES.

A correspondent having requested information on the point, it may be stated that Germany has considerable facilities for wireless communication with the outside world. The reader is by this time familiar with the phrase in the cables, "A German wireless report states that," etc. These reports are issued by a semi-official German agency, and despatched to various stations in the outside world. Those which reach the British press are received at Marconi House, whence a regular news service is distributed. As to America—the phase of the matter which most interests our correspondent—there are two wireless routes between the United States and Germany, viz., between Tuckerton (New Jersey) and Eilwese, near Hanover; and between Sayville (Long Island) and Nauen, near Berlin. The Sayville station is owned by a German company, and it will perhaps be remembered that in July last the American authorities decided that the plant would have to be conducted by United States naval officers in the interests of its proprietors. The full story of the events leading up to the taking over of the plant by the way, is of considerable interest. Briefly, the United States authorities gleaned hints that messages of a military character were being sent to Germany from Sayville under cover of ordinary commercial despatches in plain English and German, which, of course, would constitute a breach of America's neutrality obligations. A good many messages filed had been rejected by the censors on the ground that they were too obviously not what they pretended to be. For instance, there were some orders from America to buy cotton in Germany. But even after much less clumsy efforts than these were debarred there seemed to be circumstantial evidence that military information was going through.

AN INGENIOUS IDEA.

The matter was sheeted home by a private citizen, Mr. Charles E. Apgar, the owner of an experimental station at Westfield, New Jersey. This ingenious experimenter, whose equipment was, by the way, all "home-made," conceived the idea of taking phonographic records of the Sayville messages, and for fourteen successive night he secured a permanent record of every signal and word sent out from the big German-owned station. When these records were read off subsequently they were found to disclose many little things that had been lost upon the secret service agents, who had been simply "listening" to Sayville at other stations. In some cases there was a curious repetition of words and figures which, heard casually, would seem only to be the result of the ordinary contingencies of transmission; and in other cases there was an equally curious method of "spacing" between words which in itself could cover a code, and in yet other cases there was a curious juggling with the sequence numbers of the messages themselves. An expert investigation of these and other curiosities crystallised on the phonographic records soon let in a flood of light upon their utilitarian side and as it was obvious that the strictest censorship would be impotent against this sort of thing, it was decided that, without interfering with the proprietorial rights of the company, the operation of the plant would be governed by United States naval officers during the currency of the war.

A WIRELESS HIGHWAY.

However, to return to the main subject, Germany has now available the two trans-Atlantic routes indicated for all ordinary wireless traffic in plain English or German. Indeed, we understand that there is a certain amount of through traffic from America via Berlin to Scandinavia. The cables between America and Scandinavia are under British control, and at the outset the British censors seem to have delayed, and in some cases even to have stopped altogether, business communications thus coming under their control. A certain number of complaints were received by the Norwegian and Swedish Governments, and a meeting was held to consider the situation. The German Government heard of this convention, and put before it an offer to receive the various business telegrams in Germany and transmit them by their long-distance wireless stations to America. This was agreed to, but the Germans appear in their turn to have tampered with messages, and it was reported some time ago that the arrangement had broken down, though, on the other hand, it was only recently stated by a "Morning Post" correspondent that at least one business man in Christiania was receiving messages sent by wireless from America to Germany and thence to Christiania in the ordinary way. The fact remains that Germany has full use of the two main trans-Atlantic routes for legitimate business—and we do not require a very vivid imagination to make us believe that "legitimate" business can, with a certain amount of coding ingenuity, be made to cover belligerent interests as well. As to Germany's own chain of big wireless stations oversea, we are now either utilising or have demolished the whole of the known units.

RECRUITING.

TO RAISE THE NEW FORCE.

CO-ORDINATE EFFORTS.

The Premier announced yesterday that the recent conference in Melbourne between the New South Wales War Council and the Prime Minister, and the Minister for Defence had cleared the way for a vigorous recruiting campaign in New South Wales. The confusion arose in the first place through the Defence Department not being aware of the extent of the organisation in New South Wales, and the result of the conference was that the Department and the Council would now work more in unison.

The Premier stated that recruiting in all its aspects was discussed at the conference, and he is hopeful that the discussion will bear good fruit in directions he is not at present at liberty to speak about.

On his return from the conference in Melbourne yesterday, Mr. J. H. Catts, M.P., organising secretary of the State Recruiting Campaign, made the following statement:—

I am happy to say that our visit to Melbourne was attended with the very best results. We convinced the Prime Minister and the Minister for Defence of the difficulties we were labouring under. The Minister for Defence, on November 26th, sent us the general outlines of the scheme adopted by the Federal War Service Committee, and asked us to give effect to it. We promptly filled in the details, and set the whole of the local governing bodies of New South Wales to work. The Federal Ministers did not think we would have been able to get going so quickly. The consequence was that, when Mr. Hughes' directions were issued, they conflicted in many important particulars with what we had done. We had no power to vary them. It was stated at the conference that these instructions were intended to be "model" instructions. The Prime Minister agreed to notify the local governing authorities that we would have a general power to make variations to suit local circumstances, and also to fit his new instructions in with those we have already issued. In one particular matter in which we advised local bodies on the 8th instant, the Prime Minister saw a way out of a difficulty. We suggested that the men of military age refusing to enlist should have the option.

1. Of submitting reasons to the local recruiting committee.
2. Of submitting reasons to the State recruiting committee.

This was adopted, and will be applied to the whole Commonwealth. There is another provision that there shall be a special committee at headquarters, and one at the local centre to consider these matters confidentially. We ask that the reasons be given to the local committee as far as possible, so as not to over-burden the central office. We hope that all municipalities and shires will have their local organisation in readiness, so that the detail work may be proceeded with rapidly in the opening days of the new year.

NEW ARMY.

PROPOSED ORGANISATION.

MELBOURNE, Friday.

The military authorities state that they are still awaiting a final word from the War Office as to the form of organisation in which Australia's new army would be most acceptable. It is thought likely, however, that the force, when it leaves, will consist of nine infantry brigades, or 36 battalions, with the usual divisional troops, and an important flying wing. At any rate, arrangements for an organisation on that basis are well forward so that they could be put into operation immediately the word came through. The divisional details would be five field companies of the engineers, three companies of signallers, elaborate army medical service details, and two army service corps companies.

ARTILLERY RECRUITS.

Men for the Australian Field Artillery are required. They must be at least 5ft 6in high, and of good physique and character. Intending recruits are informed that they can apply direct to the Artillery Camp at the Warren, Marrickville, at the conclusion of the holidays.

TYPEWRITERS.

EFFECT OF THE EMBARGO.

MELBOURNE, Friday.

Referring to the embargo recently placed on the Remington Typewriter Company, the Prime Minister (Mr. Hughes) stated to-day that representations had been made to the effect that the local firm was not a branch of the American Remington Company, but was an independent firm, which bought the machines straight out, and sold them in Australia. Its position, therefore, was most unfortunate. It had bought from the American Remington Company a number of machines which it held in stock, and if prevented from selling these machines the loss would not fall on the American firm, but on the Australian firm. Mr. Hughes added that he had asked for a full statement of the position, to see what could be done to prevent the local firm suffering very grievous losses.

ILLUSTRATION.

We publish on Page 12 of to-day's issue a photograph of one of the wards at the Base Hospital, Randwick, decorated for the Christmas season.

LATE WAR NEWS.

BRITISH CASUALTIES.

TOTAL OF 528,227.

LONDON, Dec. 24.

It is officially stated that the aggregate of the British casualties to December 9 is:—

Killed	119,923
Wounded	338,758
Missing	69,546
Total	528,227

PREFERENCE.

AFTER THE WAR.

UNIONISTS OR SOLDIERS?

Trades unionism takes no cognisance of patriotism.

War may be the supreme crisis of the nation, the issue which is to decide whether the nations of the world are to be free to work out their own destiny or the mere puppets of a glorified militarism, the basis of which is "Might is right." But the conception of trades unionism is that it is charged with the welfare of the individual, or, perhaps, it should be written, the individual community. War may be the sport of emperors—or it may be that the world is yet to realise that war is a combat of individual heroism. But trades unionism stands for the protection of the craft.

The minimum wage. Equal pay for equal work, the prevention of sweating, labour to receive the full results of its productive capacity, and—preference to unionists. These are the ideals of trades unionism. And war, it seems, even the greatest war in history, is not to be allowed to interfere in any way with the working out of these ideals.

The position was put before a number of trades union leaders. Many thousands of Australian workmen have responded to the call of Empire for military service abroad. The inevitable has happened. Men are returning to our shores in a steady stream, totally incapacitated from further active military service, but citizens of Australia still, for whom employment must be found. These are the heroes whom we sent away with cheers, and welcomed home with ovations. What about a preference for these soldiers when it comes to the offer of employment?

The discussions to which the query gave rise were of very great interest. Trades union leaders rarely evade a question bearing upon the interests to which they devote their lives. One remarks the absence of the politician's favourite evasion: "I haven't really considered the matter yet." These men have pronounced and well thought out opinions in regard to the war. Their loyalty to the cause of Britain and her Allies, in 99 per cent. of cases, is undoubted. But their loyalty to unionism is greater still, and there are no exceptions in this case. The question was discussed freely and fully.

"Why should we meet trouble half-way?" said one. This man saw no prospect, even if peace were declared next week, of his particular labour market being flooded. Further, he argued, there was the very best of reasons for believing that there were very few—"mighty few," he said—of this particular trade's artisans at the front who were not unionists. So the problem didn't concern him, or his union. Pressed for a general view of the position, however, he agreed with all his confreres. The only preference with which unionists are concerned is preference to unionists. Much the same view was taken by the representative of what may be called, for want of a better term, the labouring section of organised unionism. The purely manual occupations of men, he pointed out, were so completely organised that the non-unionist is a rara avis in this section of industry. But suppose the position should arise, he was asked, where a returned soldier—a non-unionist—and a unionist were in competition for a billet? "We should strongly advise the soldier to join the union," was the reply, frank and unhesitating.

Another trades-union secretary—one to whom his colleagues generally look for a lead—entered more fully into the question. The war was a secondary consideration, after all, although he had no need to say that his patriotism yielded second place to none. The war was a matter of a year or two, at most, and would be relegated to historical records long before the battle of unionism had been completely won. Unionism, he pointed out, could not forsake the foundation on which it had built such a structure as it presents to-day. He was an optimist about Australian industrial development. Whatever labour troubles Australia might experience as a result of the war would gather strength so gradually that organised unionism would win out all the time. He agreed that it was impossible to gainsay the claim of returned soldiers for considerate treatment. But that consideration must end, he was emphatic, on the throwing open of the doors of the unions to all those non-unionist soldiers who may wish to become members. Over 2000 of his own members, he said, were at the front or going there. With regard to those others who may not yet have seen the virtue of organised labour—well, the union would be very glad to admit them at any time.

Right through the Trades Hall there was a consensus of opinion. It was not claimed that unionists had a monopoly of patriotism, but it was contended that unionism had responded nobly to the call of Empire. It was a mistake, they said, to confuse unionism and patriotism. The only direction in which the two could be blended in thought, it was urged, was in the intention that the unionist is much more likely to prove a patriot than the non-unionist, because he has learned the lesson of unselfishness, and of united effort against a common foe. But the question of preference to a returned soldier, because he was a soldier, and apart altogether from the fact of whether he was a unionist or not, was not worth considering. Unionists, they all agreed, had fought hardly, and had paid dearly for any or all of the privileges and pay which the Australian workman enjoys to-day, and it was not to be thought of that these should be sacrificed for the sake of returned soldiers, who were still obdurate in their refusal to link up with their organised fellow craftsmen.

There was no difference of opinion in respect to the possibility of some preference being necessary as between a stay-at-home unionist and a returned soldier-unionist. All were agreed that doubtless the soldier would get a preference. But this was a sentimental preference merely, and there was little use discussing it, because an air of optimism prevailed about the possibility of there being, after the war, more than enough unionists to fill the jobs offering.

On another aspect of the returned soldiers' employment question, however, there is very little optimism at the Trades Hall. Union officials do not hesitate to say that they have little confidence in the promise that the soldiers' jobs will be kept for them till their return. The view held is not a sorrowful one. It is believed that thousands will do a lot better after they return from the war than if they slipped into their old jobs. But the opinion is held that the general conditions will resolve themselves into a policy of "look out for yourselves." And this is where the power of unionism is expected to manifest itself. When people have grown tired of talking about the war, they say, and when the popular, patriotic, hysteria is over, these trades-union leaders do not doubt that the same old struggle for existence will prevail. For this reason, the view is held that the vows now being registered daily by business folk, employers of labour, not to trade with enemy countries or in enemy goods, will be quickly forgotten. Unionists seem to have very little faith in any renunciation of what they call the greed for profits. And it is apparent that they are preparing to carry on the same old war between labour and capital when the war of nations has been fought and finished.

GERMAN OFFICERS.

ESCAPE FROM BERRIMA.

PAROLE BROKEN.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sands, commandant of the German camp, reports the breaking of the partial parole granted to two of the ships' officers interned at Berrima:—

Alfred Wahlmann, 5ft 7in, 12st 4lb, sunburned complexion, brown hair, brown eyes, aged 31 years, speaks English well.

Paul Strange, 5ft 4in, 11st 6lb, slightly pointed beard or clean shaved, small blue weak eyes, brown hair, aged 38 years, speaks English well.

"This is the first time," said Colonel Sands last night, "that the privilege given to ships' officers off detained vessels has been abused. They have been detained on partial parole for the past ten months at Berrima."

CHRISTMAS EVE.

THE STRANGENESS OF IT.

ONE THOUGHT—THE WAR.

It was a quiet Christmas Eve. Very quiet. Yet there were great crowds in the streets. Especially were there great crowds in the afternoon. Tens of thousands of women and children; hundreds of soldiers in khaki uniform; a few men in civilian dress.

Women and children. . . . The children do not know; and the women would not have them know. So they brought the children into town for "Christmas."

A child was a-straddle a rocking-horse in Fairyland. A child sat in a miniature motor car. A child sat on the back of a great brown bear, and pulled a string that came out of the bear's back, so that the animal grunted strangely. And a child was driving a locomotive up and down a track. Alice in Wonderland was never more happy than they.

It is "Christmas" for the children—just the same as Christmas always is; but for the men and women the whole world has changed. Yet, for the sake of the little ones, we kept up the game of Make-believe.

The trains came in with their crowds. The trams and the boats came in; and the motor cars tooted their way along and came to a stop in front of the shops—a long line of them along the edge of the footpath. And the shops could not hold them all. Like a river running over its banks, they overflowed into the streets. And one heard it said there had never been so many people in the city on a Christmas Eve before.

That was the wonder of it. It was like "Australia Day" or "Allies' Day"—crowds, crowds, crowds. But instead of buying from decorated pavilions in the streets, as on those days, the people bought in the shops. And the shopkeepers said the trade was "wonderful." The trade has been wonderful all through Christmas week—business as is usual at Christmas in times of peace, not as one would expect it to be in time of war.

And yet, with all the money that was spent, it was spent quietly. One who had made a study of the psychology of Australian crowds would have noted a strange quietness about these thousands of people who had come in to do their Christmas shopping. They moved more quietly up and down the streets, in and out the shops, than is their wont at Christmas time; and there seemed to be something forced in the gaiety of the grown-up people who took their children into toyland.

And when friend met friend, there was a quietness in their manner; and one noticed that the wish was nearly always "The compliments of the season." Occasionally it was "A happy Christmas"—never a "merry" one. Behind it all stood the great Reality. There was one thought, and one alone—the War.

There was war last Christmas. But it was far away from us. Distance blurred our vision, and we saw only as in a glass, darkly. We had not realised the immensity of the thing. To-day—we know. Gallipoli has come, and gone. We have sent a hundred thousand men away; and we are sending another hundred thousand. That is why there were few men in the streets yesterday, and why most of those who were there were wearing the khaki uniform of the soldier. The young man who now and then passed by in other dress seemed to be out of place—an anachronism. "Enlist! Your King and country need you!" stared him in the face. It was blazoned forth from the shop windows.

And as the little ones toddled out of the shops and were lifted into tram and train, and straightway tumbled off to sleep, hugging their dolls and teddy-bears, it was of someone "in the trenches" that the womenfolk were thinking—husband, son, or brother. And some of them were thinking of those who would never come back again. Can we wonder that the women hug their children closer to them?

There is a new spirit in the land, born of the war. There is more respect and kindliness among us all. Despite strikes, there is a better feeling between employer and employed. The man from the mansion is fighting side by side with the man from the cottage. In the great city business houses the names of managers and men are written on the "honour boards"—all equal, all serving in the common cause, all fighting for their King and country. And the thoughts of those who cannot go—but are doing what in them lies—are with our soldiers at this Christmas time. There is not a soldier in the trenches, in hospital, or in camp, who will not have his Christmas present. If there be some who have no relations, they will find that they have friends. To every man in every battalion some present has been sent.

Such is the spirit in which we are spending Christmas. Such was the spirit of the crowds that filled the city by day, and of those crowds again that filled the city by night. There was no carnival spirit abroad. Christmas eve, for the matter of that, is never a carnival night, but last night it was quieter than ever before, though it seemed the crowds were larger. We spent our money, despite all advice from economists, and we went home laden with parcels for stockings and pillow-cases—the appointed agents of Santa Claus, "accessories before the fact."

No child will be forgotten. In Australia the war has not yet diminished the people's earnings as a whole, but here and there we shall find some who have already felt the pinch of it. There are those, however, who will make the Christmas of those people "happy"—as happy as it can be in these days. There is not a charitable agency but has distributed, or will distribute to-day, some Christmas cheer among the needy ones; not one but will have its "Christmas tree" for the children.

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The voices of the carol singers die away—"On earth peace, goodwill towards men." Christmas morning dawns. A nation's prayer ascends to heaven that peace may soon be given us.

THE HOSPITALS.

SANTA CLAUS AND SICK CHILDREN.

It was a charming scene. Bowers of flowers; big trees, with toys; and long lines of happy faces, and shining eyes. It was Christmas Eve at the Children's Hospital, and Santa Claus had come.

Santa Claus was big and strong, as befitted such an important personage, and tradition must be upheld. His flowing beard reached to his waist, and he was gorgeously apparelled in crimson flecked with snow. Santa Claus could not straighten crooked limbs, and mend little broken bodies, but he could bring the flush of pleasure to tired little faces, and the sparkle to the eyes grown dim with suffering. And so it happened. The long lines of white beds, filled with such eager little occupants, were turned into veritable lands of toys, and as each treasure was placed in tiny arms it was hugged closely with childish abandon. For there were dolls dressed in the latest fashion, with garments to come off and on—such a joy to be able to unrobe the waxen or china beauty, until small hands grew weary with delight. Mannish toys for the boys, and funny distracting things for the wee mites. Such a feast of fun for all; such joy and happiness for the Eve of the greatest day in all the world.

There were three trees—one in the Faithful ward, a second in the Macleay ward, and a third on the lawn outside the Walter and Eliza Hall Trust ward. In the first mentioned the decorations were charming, carried out in brown and yellow, the flowers toning harmoniously. The big tree, laden with its store of gifts, its golden balloons, and globes of electric lights, reached nearly to the ceiling, and occupied the centre of the room. Groups of children, sufficiently recovered to be out of bed, sat round, and waited in blissful anticipation. Then when the majority of the toys had been distributed here, Santa Claus visited the other surgical wards in turn. Each ward was done in different coloured flowers, and the small patients were tied up with ribbons, and wore bed jackets to match. There were masses of pink and blue hydrangeas, bowls of carnations, and posies of vario-

coloured roses. All these had been arranged artistically by the nurses to add to the festivity of the occasion.

There were many visitors present, and the staff of the hospital, including the matron (Miss M'Gregor) and the secretary (Mr. Clarence Moss), was kept fully occupied. Most of the wards were inspected, and the decorations admired, and the little patients were made blissfully happy with much attention. The nurses served tea on the lawn. The afternoon was beautifully fine, and added much to the general success. The day will long be remembered by the small folk, who had looked forward to the visit of Santa Claus, and their realisation of this great event was fully evidenced by the pleasure expressed on each small face. Christmas Eve at the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Sick Children had really proved to be a day of days.

SYDNEY HOSPITAL.

At the Sydney Hospital last night the fourteen wards took on a new and festive form for the occasion. Flowers, fernery, and bunting gave a pleasant appearance to the wards. There was no dearth of flowers for decorative purposes, and the devoted band of ladies who each year attend the hospital on Christmas Eve helped the nurses to make the wards look cheerful. Special attention was paid to the children's ward, where a huge Christmas Tree was erected in anticipation of the coming of Santa Claus. The hearts of the little inmates were gladdened when one of the resident doctors, in the guise of Santa Claus, visited the ward and distributed among them all kinds of toys.

THE ROYAL PRINCE ALFRED.

At the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital the matron (Miss Newall) and her staff have had the various wards tastefully decorated as a reminder to the patients that Christmas is again to be honoured, and the inmates enjoined to make merry for the festive season. The children have been specially well provided for as no less than four Christmas trees have been bedecked with toys, and the outpatients, as well as the ward inmates, will receive toys. The ladies of the Presbyterian Mission Association assisted in the entertainment of the children. The soldiers in the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital have not been forgotten, as the Red Cross Society sent along boxes of chocolates in the same attractive wrappings as those supplied to the men at the front and in camp.

ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL.

Considerable variety was shown in the decoration of the different wards at St. Vincent's Hospital to mark the coming of Christmas. The hospital throughout was made fresh with palms and greenery, but in each ward an individual note was struck in the decorations. In St. Cecilia's ward the flags of the Allies formed the dominant feature, while in St. Clair's ward the colour scheme represented various birds. Other wards had distinctive decorations, one being in heliotrope and white, and another in gold and green. In more material form than the appearance of the wards was the approach of Christmas manifested. In the culinary department of the hospital important preparations were in hand for to-day. Special foods and luxuries, most of which have been contributed by friends of the hospital, were being prepared for to-day's celebrations.

SOUTH SYDNEY.

The committee of the South Sydney Hospital, Waterloo, made elaborate arrangements for the decoration of the wards for Christmas Day. Mr. J. Joynton Smith, M.L.C., president of the institution, and Mrs. Smith, assisted by the ladies committee and the nursing staff, were unsparing in their efforts to minister to the comforts of the patients.

CHEER FOR POOR.

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

Nearly two thousand homes that otherwise would have lacked a Christmas dinner will be the brighter to-day for the good cheer distributed by the outdoor relief department of the Benevolent Society of New South Wales. Every year the society carries out the good work of providing Christmas fare for the poor, and this season its helping hand was more needed than ever, some 1850 applicants receiving provisions as compared with 1100 last year.

During the whole of Thursday and most of yesterday the distribution was carried on under the supervision of the chief inspector and controller of stores, Mr. A. E. Ward, ten or eleven assistants serving out provisions and four clerks being kept busy interviewing applicants. Mr. Ward stated last evening that no genuine case had been refused, and that, though most applicants brought some sort of credential, either from individuals or charitable organisations, these were not insisted on, so that any person who apparently needed help got it.

The distribution was on generous lines, and the following rations for families in which there were over four children give an idea of the relief afforded:—6lb meat, 2lb flour, ½lb tea, 4lb sugar, 2lb rice, 4lb wheatmeal, 4lb bread, 2 tins of condensed milk, 2lb of jam, 4lb of golden syrup, and a 5lb plum pudding.

The approximate total of the food given away is as follows:—7300lb of meat, 4200lb flour, 800lb tea, 3700lb sugar, 1200lb rice, 1700lb wheatmeal, 3500lb bread, 3125 plum puddings, 2400 tins of condensed milk, 3000 2lb tins of jam, and 2800 4lb tins of golden syrup.

The society's asylum for women and children and the Renwick Hospital for Infants have been suitably decorated, and a Christmas Tree and other suitable little luxuries will mark Christmas Day.

BALMAIN DISTRICT.

At the Balmain District Hospital the customary Christmas dinner will be given to the convalescent patients. The institution has been specially decorated for the festive season by a staff of voluntary aids connected with the local branch of the Red Cross Society, who also gave a quantity of toys for the little ones and comforts of various kinds for the adults. During the afternoon a number of ladies will visit the institution for the purpose of cheering the patients, and a number of Christmas carols will be rendered.

BROUGHTON HALL.

The matron and staff of the Broughton Hall Military Convalescent Hospital, Leichhardt, assisted by the medical staff and the Red Cross Society, has arranged a Christmas feast for the inmates, and everything will be done to entertain and cheer the soldiers. The interior of the hospital has been decorated and a programme of musical items will be given.

GLEBE FEMALE REFUGE.

The customary Christmas dinner will be given to the inmates of the Glebe Female Refuge, Glebe Point-road, Glebe, and on Boxing Day a special tea will be provided. This afternoon a choral service will be given.

GLEBE LOCAL DISTRESS SOCIETY.

The members of the Glebe Local Distress Society, which was established shortly after the commencement of the war, distributed on Wednesday and Thursday last relief tickets for orders on grocers and butchers to about 200 deserving cases, and thus helped to lighten the troubles of a large number of persons.

LEICHHARDT BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

The Leichhardt Ladies' Benevolent Society relieved a number of cases of distress, and provided some cheer for the deserving poor in the district, special comforts being provided for Christmas Day.

GLEBE CHURCH OF ENGLAND HOME.

The usual treat to the inmates of the Glebe Church of England Home will be given to-day. Special Christmas services, in which carols, anthems, etc., will be rendered, will be held during the day, and suitable gifts will be made to those resident in the home.

INSTITUTE FOR SEAMEN.

Last night the Rawson Institute for Seamen provided an entertainment for sailors and a Christmas tree for their children. Owing, however, to the unexpected departure of many vessels in the afternoon, the attendance was not large. The committee decided to carry through the programme and to hold a similar entertainment on Wednesday next. The committee has arranged for concerts, etc., during the holiday season.

CITY MISSION.

The Sydney City Mission has provided Christmas cheer this year to 1200 needy families, which through misadventure find themselves at this festive season of the year without the means of providing themselves with luxuries. This noble work of bringing brightness into the lives of the unfortunates of the city has been carefully organised, and each order issued enabled the recipients to purchase meat to the value of 1/6 and groceries worth 3/6. Needless to say, the distribution of orders brought to the surface many pathetic cases of distress—happily mostly only likely to be of a temporary character. The goods were received with every indication of gratitude.

CAROLS AT ST. ANDREW'S.

The customary carol service was held at St. Andrew's Cathedral on Christmas Eve. Preceded by shortened evensong, an address was delivered by the Precentor, the Rev. E. N. Wilton, on the significance of the Christmas message.

The selection of carols was sung by the choristers with excellent effect. The opening carol, "Christ was Born on Christmas Day," was notable for the heartiness with which the refrain "Nowell" was given out. In contrast to this number was the sweetly-sung carol, "Holy Night, Peaceful Night," in which the varying shades of expression were well marked. The popular "Three Doves Came out of the Eastern Sky" followed, in which the tenor solo was rendered with good effect by Mr. R. Robinson. The idea of the three doves, carrying respectively "a lily so white," a "rose so red," and a "thorn so keen," is charmingly portrayed by the writer of the carol, the Rev. T. Hilhouse Taylor. A fine effect was achieved by the soloist at the words:

And the maiden Mother looked wonderingly down,
As the Thorn turned into a Golden Crown.

The music, which was composed by the Cathedral organist, is quite captivating in its quaintness, each verse being introduced by a few soft bars played with airy suggestiveness. The remaining carols were the well-known traditional number, "The First Nowell," in which the congregation joined heartily, Mr. Massey's "Come to the Manger in Bethlehem," "Merrily Ring the Christmas Bells," "Good Christian People All," and the softly expressed "Lo, the Darkness Deepens," sung by choir and congregation kneeling. Mr. J. Massey presided at the organ, and the Precentor (the Rev. E. N. Wilton) conducted the service, which closed with a fine rendering of Adolphe Adam's "Noel" on the organ by Mr. Massey.

SACRED CONCERTS.

ROYAL PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.

The Royal Philharmonic Society of Sydney, besides their Christmas Night "Messiah," will give a special concert at the Town Hall at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Mme. Mary Conly will then sing "Lord of our Chosen Race" (Sullivan), Schumann's "To a Hero," and Rummel's "Ecstasy," and there will be contralto numbers by Miss Mary Bourke, and Mozart's 'cello "Adagio," by Mr. Bryce Carter. The orchestra, under Mr. Joseph Bradley, will form a central attraction in Saint Saens' "The Deluge," the "King Manfred" overture, Massenet's "Le Dernier Sommeil de la Vierge," and other fine pieces.

In Handel's "Messiah" (8 p.m.), Mr. Bradley will conduct the finely-trained chorus and orchestra (leader, M. Henri Staell) in the majestic ensembles of that great devotional work. The soloists will be Mme. Mary Conly, Miss Mary Bourke, Mr. Percy French, and Mr. Roy Allen.

NEWBURY-McEACHARN CONCERT.

At St. James's Hall to-night Messrs. Malcolm McEacharn and Philip Newbury will join forces in a concert entertainment of a sacred and miscellaneous character, to which the basso and the tenor will contribute sterling numbers from their repertoire. Miss Linda Young, the light soprano, who made a sensational success with these artists last week, will reappear with Mr. Leslie MacCallum as flautist, and Miss Hazel Doyle will again be the pianist. Mr. Frederick Whitlow, character actor, will also assist. Plan arrangements are duly notified.

THE GREEN DANDIES.

Mr. Edward Branscombe announces a special Christmas Night concert programme at 8.15 by the Green Dandies Company, which continues to provide light entertainment to large audiences at the open-air garden theatre, Bayswater-road (seven minutes from town). Their songs and choruses, their sprightly dances, and their whimsical sketches form a popular evening's entertainment. The usual box office and admission arrangements will obtain to-night. Special programmes are notified for Boxing Day and holidays.

"THE CHIMES."

To-night, in the Unitarian Church, Liverpool-street, the Rev. George Walters will deliver a condensed version of Charles Dickens' Christmas story, "The Chimes," in which humour and pathos, playful fancy, and stern reality are so aptly blended. Music will be supplied by Miss Gertrude Palmer, Miss Lurline Hammond, and Miss Olga Scharff.

TRAIN TRAFFIC.

The Christmas rush to Sydney from the country this year is very heavy. Many people last week took advantage of excursion fares on the railways, and this created extra traffic. But even with these trains freely patronised, the trains this week have been well filled with passengers.

The outward and inward mail trains to and from Sydney on Thursday south were run in two or three divisions, while the Melbourne express was similarly treated. There are a large number of men employed on the deviation and duplication works between Harden and Picton, and a special train was provided for them to reach Sydney. The early morning train from Goulburn on Friday morning was also largely availed of, so that it was a question of standing room only in some of the compartments.

MINING AWARD.

10s 6d PER DAY FIXED.

MELBOURNE, Friday.

In the Arbitration Court to-day Mr. Justice Powers made his final award on the plaint of the Federated Mining Employees' Association against the mineowners of Victoria, New South Wales, and Tasmania. He said the award applied only to where the rates allowed were higher than the rates fixed by the State wages boards. The Mount Lyell Company, with 1700 employees, paid to skilled miners 2s more than the basic wage, which was 9s at Gympie. In Queensland the mineowners had agreed to pay miners 12s 8d per shift, the allowance for skill being 3s 4d above the basic wages. A miner's wage at Broken Hill was 11s, and the men were now before the Court with a new claim. On the evidence submitted, said his Honor, he felt justified in fixing 10s 6d as the wage for an eight-hours' shift for skilled miners, and would allow 10s 6d in Victoria, and 11s 1d for Mount Lyell. Sixpence had been added to the wages paid to brakesmen on self-acting tramways. The award provides that in very wet places six hours shall be paid for at the same rate as an eight-hours' shift, but not 1s in addition. The term of the award will be three years, from January 1, 1916, but the right is refused to either party to apply for an amendment if the basic living wage is materially altered.

TRIBAL FIGHT.

MANY NATIVES KILLED.

News was received in Sydney yesterday by the steamer Morinda of a serious tribal fight on Yule Island, Papua, recently.

It appears that a number of natives were holding a feast at one of the villages near Yule Mountain, and invited the men from a neighbouring village to attend. The invitation was accepted, but the feast concluded with a serious fight between the men of the two villages, spears and clubs being used freely, and over a score of natives being killed.

As the natives in this quarter are known to be cannibals, and as it was suspected that the attack upon the guests at the feast was deliberately planned, a punitive party, consisting of native police, was despatched from Port Moresby to Yule Island, a distance of about 68 miles, in order to punish the aggressors, and arrest the murderers.

On approaching the village the squad of native police was greeted with a hail of spears and arrows, and were attacked by natives with clubs.

Several members of the punitive party were wounded, and the squad had to retire to shelter. One of the native policemen, who sustained a severe spear wound in the neck, was being conveyed from Yule Island to Port Moresby on the inter-island steamer Misima, when he died as a result of his wounds.

The punitive party was still on Yule Island when the Morinda left.

DEATH OF MR. R. LAWRIE.

GLOUCESTER, Friday.

Mr. Robert Lawrie, of Kauthi, son of the late Mr. T. Lawrie, of Nowendoc station, died on Wednesday, after a short illness. He was aged 48, and was one of the largest landholders in the district.

ELECTRIC BELTS PROHIBITED.

MELBOURNE, Friday.

It was notified in the "Commonwealth Gazette" yesterday that in future the importation was prohibited of "electric or magnetic belts, or any belt or any article of wearing apparel or article for toilet use, or any appliance which is alleged or intended to produce a therapeutic effect by electric or magnetic influences, or by the presence of radio-active elements."

YACHT'S DINGY ASHORE.

The lighthouse-keeper at Barranjoey reported to the Navigation Department on Thursday that a yacht's dingy had been washed ashore at Barranjoey, considerably damaged.

TASMANIAN GOLD YIELD.

HOBART, Friday.

The Tasmanian gold yield for the year 1915 is 18,562ozs, valued at £78,849.

ROUTE MARCHES.

THE KANGAROOS.

STRENGTH INCREASED TO 214.

GOULBURN, Friday.

The executive committee of the Kangaroos' route march met at the Town Hall, Goulburn, on Thursday evening. The meeting had been convened by the president, Mr. E. E. Collins, of Wagga, at the request of Mr. J. H. Catts, organising secretary for recruiting in this State.

The telegram that had been received from the military authorities stating that the march must end at Goulburn was discussed at length, but in view of the telegram from Mr. Catts that the march should continue to Sydney, the following itinerary for the remainder of the journey was drawn up:—December 27, leave Goulburn for Marulan, lunch Shelly's Flat; 28th, Wingello; 29th, Bundanoon; 30th, Moss Vale, lunch Sutton Forest; 31st, Mittagong, lunch Bowral; January 1, Lipton Inn, 14 miles, stay over Sunday; 3rd, Picton; 4th, Douglas Park; 5th, Campbelltown; 6th, Bankstown.

It is intended to divide the contingent into two sections at Mittagong, one section keeping to the main route as indicated, and the other taking the following route:—January 1, Mittagong to Balmoral and Thirlmere, staying Sunday; 3rd, Camden, via The Oaks, while January fourth will also be spent there; 5th, Narellan and Campbelltown, junctioning with the main body again. The object of dividing the march is to cover more ground in quest of recruits. The executive have been informed that the country between Thirlmere and Camden has never been worked for recruits. It is intended that the Kangaroos will arrive in Sydney on the Saturday afternoon, January 8, but as to what direction the march will take after reaching Bankstown is not known at present.

Word was received by Lieut. Mayes on Thursday that authority had been issued for the men to draw pay or a proportion of it. An application to headquarters for railway passes to be issued to the men was not granted.

During their stay over Christmas at Goulburn, the Kangaroos will be entertained at dinner and tea on Christmas Day by the townspeople.

The strength of the Kangaroos now stands at 214.

All doubts as to whether the Kangaroos' route march would or would not end at Goulburn were settled to-day, a telegram being received from Colonel Luscombe stating that the men might continue their march to Sydney, but must then return to Goulburn by train. The Kangaroos have been granted three days' leave, and those not returning to Goulburn in time for the resumption of the march on Monday morning will be able to join the others at Marulan on Tuesday morning.

THE KOOKABURRAS.

Captain Eade, the officer commanding the Lithgow training camp, called at the headquarters of the State recruiting campaign at Challis House yesterday, when certain matters relating to the "Kookaburra" route march were discussed. The captain, with Q.M.S. O'Brien and Sergeant Tickner, D.C.M., has just completed a ten-day campaign, as a result of which some 50 men have intimated their intention of joining the colours. The following towns were visited:—Gulgong, Leadville, Coolah, Dunedoo, Mundooran, Boomi Camp, Cobborah, Havilah, Mudgee, Hargreaves, Hill End, Long Creek, Cudgegong, and Rylstone. Leadville put up the record of 17 out of the 50 available men, Coolah following with 11.

GULGONG, Friday.

Mr. D. H. Spring, captain of the Gulgong Rifle Club, and who fought in the Boer war, has been appointed organising secretary in connection with the Kookaburras' route march from Toorawenah.

THE WALLABIES.

ABERDEEN, Friday.

The north-west recruits, 125 strong, arrived here to-day, three hours late and were accorded an enthusiastic reception. Many of the men are suffering from sore feet.

MEN FROM SNOWY RIVER.

DELEGATE, Friday.

Recruiting efforts in outlying portions of this district have been conducted by members of the local recruiting association, and several recruits have been secured. The march of "the men from Snowy River" is to start from Delegate on January 6. The recruits are to be entertained at a monster send-off on the previous evening. A considerable sum has been raised towards defraying the expenses of the march.

Y.M.C.A.

FIELD SERVICE FUND.

In connection with the National Appeal being made by the Young Men's Christian Association of Australasia for the sum of £25,000 for its work in Egypt, a good response is being made by the public of New South Wales towards Sydney's proportion, £10,000, with a further £2000 for the local camp needs.

The suggestion made some time ago that everyone who had received a letter on Y.M.C.A. paper should give a contribution is still being responded to.

Six local camps are being served by the association, and the secretary appointed by the Sydney association left with the Expeditionary Force in 1914, and is now with the forces in the firing line.

In connection with the special appeal it is hoped that the £12,000 will be raised by

1 of £1000
2 ,, £500
5 ,, £200
10 ,, £100
20 ,, £50
50 ,, £20
100 ,, £10
200 ,, £5
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and balance by any other amounts.

Contributions to be sent to general secretary, Y.M.C.A., Pitt-street, Sydney.

A gentleman writes to the secretary of the Y.M.C.A. as follows:—"When the mother who had given her son for the war, and from his report of Y.M.C.A. work there now gives her wedding ring to help that work, it appeals to me. I wish to purchase that wedding ring, and enclose £5 for the purpose, the condition being that you retain it in your safe and find other buyers upon similar terms—then in the end hand her back the ring as 'bread cast upon the waters.'"

AUSTRALIAN V.C.'S.

MR. WISE'S CONGRATULATIONS.

The Agent-General recently addressed a letter of congratulation to the Australian V.C.'s:—

"As the official representative of the State of New South Wales in this country, I beg," he said, "to offer you, on behalf of the Government and people of that State, my sincere congratulations on the conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty on the Gallipoli Peninsula which have led his Majesty the King to award you the much-coveted decoration of the Victoria Cross. In a campaign in which our fellow-Australians have borne themselves with such noble and undaunted courage, outstanding heroism such as yours will redound not only to your own personal credit, but to the glory of our native country."

Captain F. H. Tubb, one of the recipients, under date October 21, from Coldstream, Scotland, wrote in reply:—

"Thank you very much for your kind letter. Nothing has given me such pleasure as receiving congratulations from my fellow-Australians."

DISGRACING THE UNIFORM.

A DESERTER PUNISHED.

NEWCASTLE, Friday.

A deserter from the Australian forces, named Martin Boyce, 17½, described as a labourer, was at the Police Court this morning fined £5, or one month's imprisonment with hard labour, on a charge of stealing two bananas and an apple, of the total value of 6d, the property of John Zervos, on December 10 last. The magistrate (Mr. Adrian) said that the value of the goods stolen was trifling, but by taking part in the riot the accused had brought disgrace upon respectable soldiers, who had fought and were willing to fight for their country.

FIELD GLASSES.

NEEDED BY THE MILITARY.

OFFICIAL APPEAL.

The State Commandant, after careful inquiry, finds that the number of the field glasses purchasable in the State are a drop in the ocean compared with the military requirements. Field glasses are a necessity at the front next to rifles and guns.

The Commandant, therefore, appeals to the community in general and to sportsmen in particular, to bring in their field glasses. He will accept their free gifts or buy or borrow them, but it is imperative that he should have them for the sake of our lads at the front.

Military officers will attend at the Randwick races on Monday, December 27, ready to receive field glasses.

The Assistant Quartermaster-General will receive field glasses at his office, Victoria Barracks, any and every day except Saturday afternoons and Sundays.

The Australian Jockey Club has kindly consented to receive glasses at their offices, Bligh-street, Sydney, and the War Chest Committee at their offices, 113 Pitt-street, Sydney. If any donors who are unable to send in or to leave their glasses at Victoria Barracks will forward their names to the A.Q.M.G., Victoria Barracks, arrangements will be made by the department to send for them at such addresses. It is particularly requested that no glasses be handed to any person except he be in uniform and bears an order signed by Major F. W. Page, A.Q.M.G., that he is a duly authorised person. An official receipt will be issued in every case. Donors should attach their name and address to glasses. The police have kindly consented to act as collecting agents for the country. This appeal is being made throughout Australia. The Commandant is confident that the response of the mother State will be generous.

The first appeal of this kind was made in England by the late Lord Roberts, and met with ample result.

In furtherance of this scheme, Colonel Ramaciotti stated that during the present racing carnival posters, about 15ft by 4ft, would be displayed in the Paddock, Leger, and Flat, bearing the following words:—

"APPEAL TO SPORTS.
We Need Field Glasses,
Give, Lend, or Sell,
and
Save Lives.
Will You?
G. RAMACIOTTI,
State Commandant."

Most of the theatres and picture shows have already been apprised of this need of the military, and have promised to throw this need for field glasses on their screens.

The State Commandant said he felt sure he had only to mention this matter when the sportsmen would take it up with avidity, and the glasses so necessary from a life-saving point of view in the trenches would be forthcoming. Glasses must be had for the officers going to the front.

SOLDIERS AND DRINK.

ACTION BY THE DEFENCE DEPARTMENT.

MELBOURNE, Friday.

The question of the supply of liquor to soldiers having been revived, the Minister for Defence (Senator Pearce) said to-day that the whole matter had been referred by the Federal Ministry to the Federal Parliamentary War Committee. The question of liquor control in connection with the expeditionary forces in training in Australia, said the Minister, had for some time been causing him concern. The position he had taken up as Minister was that as regards the camps they should have dry canteens, and as regard the control outside the camps, that was a matter for State administration. He was not at all satisfied with the results, however, for while some of the States had passed legislation of a more or less restrictive character, others had done practically nothing, and there was no uniform liquor legislation throughout the Commonwealth. Some time ago he had instructed the various District Commandants to obtain reports from the Camp Commandants as to the existing methods of liquor regulation, and these were now to hand, but varied very considerably in their scope.

Senator Pearce stated that the committee constituted in New South Wales to inquire into the suitability of the Liverpool Camp had reported in favour of it from a health point of view, but, incidentally, its members brought in the question of liquor and its effect on the health of the troops, and made some very striking comments on the effect of over-indulgence, attributing venereal diseases very largely to this cause. Mr. Justice Rich's recommendations on the same subject had also been received, and there was some conflict in the various investigations. The matter had been brought before the Federal Ministry, and the whole question had been referred to the consideration of the Federal Parliamentary War Committee. The gist of the different reports would be sent to the members, and the matter would be dealt with at a meeting early in January—probably on January 5.

EXAMINATION OF RECRUITS.

The following instructions from headquarters on the medical examination of recruits are published for information and action by all concerned:—"Many instances are being brought under the notice of headquarters of cases of men with obvious and marked physical disabilities—such as large hernias, very large varicoceles, one eye, old fractures with deformity and dim. ished use of the limb, very defective vision, deafness, chronic bronchitis, old-standing cases of valvular disease of the heart, etc.—who are going into camp, having been passed as physically fit by the examining medical officers. Many such men have actually succeeded in embarking and getting to Egypt, where they have been returned at great expense to the country.

All medical officers concerned in the examining of recruits are to be impressed with these facts, and warned that lapses in this direction will be severely dealt with.

It is considered, further, that many such cases get into camp by means of impersonation. In order to eliminate all such cases, instructions are to be immediately issued to institute a routine medical examination of all men in camp as follows:—(1) Within one week of entering camp; (2) once monthly while in camp; (3) during the week prior to embarkation (with special reference to venereal disease).

All men found to be physically unfit at such examinations due to disability present at time of enlistment will be dealt with by the camp board, and if the disability is not aggravated by service in camp to such an extent as to reduce the men's earning capacity below what it was on enlistment, such men will be immediately discharged. All such cases are to be followed up by the District Camp Head-quarters Staff, and the case referred back to the medical officer who passed the man as physically fit for service. If impersonation can be found, the matter will be at once reported to headquarters with a view to the Crown Solicitor being instructed to take action to prosecute the offenders in civil court. The senior medical officer of the camp will be responsible for the carrying out of the routine examinations as laid down above. A monthly report of the examinations with the number of rejections shown as a percentage of the number of men examined will be furnished by the district camp headquarters through district headquarters to headquarters for information.

BUSINESS RECRUITS.

The special attention of enrolling officers is directed to the following instructions:—

(a) It has been represented that many men are willing to volunteer, but require perhaps two or three months to wind up their affairs, and that it would be unfair to expect them to relinquish their business unless they receive a medical certificate of fitness.

(b) In such cases a thorough medical examination should be undertaken and a certificate issued, but it must be distinctly understood that a final medical examination is necessary before enlistment, in view of the fact that many men might develop organic disease during the period, in which event the Department cannot accept any responsibility.

LIEUT. S. E. PEIRCE WOUNDED.

The Rev. E. T. Peirce, of West Maitland, received a cablegram on Thursday stating that his son, Lieut. S. E. Peirce, of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, was wounded on Sunday last in France. This is the second occasion on which Lieut. Peirce has been wounded. [illegible]

DARDANELLES.

MR. ASQUITH'S SPEECH.

WHY THE CAMPAIGN WAS DECIDED UPON.

In the House of Commons on November 2 the Prime Minister, Mr. Asquith, made an important speech on the war, especially dealing with the causes which led to the Dardanelles campaign. Simultaneously with the announcement of the withdrawal of our troops from Anzac and Suvla Bay comes the full report of Mr. Asquith's speech in the English newspapers.

"In January," said Mr. Asquith, "we had not sufficient military forces available, having regard to the requirements in the Western theatre, for service in the East to do more than provide for the local defence of Egypt against the impending Turkish attack—an attack which was delivered and ultimately defeated on February 2. The Government then had brought under their notice the possibility of a naval attack upon the Dardanelles. After full investigation and consultation with naval experts, including the Admiral commanding in that part of the Mediterranean, notwithstanding—it is no secret—some doubts and hesitations which undoubtedly there were in the mind of our principal naval adviser at that time (Lord Fisher), the Government felt justified in sanctioning the naval attack. People who think and say that that attack was initiated without due consideration, without a review of all its latent possibilities, are entirely mistaken. It was most carefully conceived. It was developed in consultation between the Admiral on the spot and the War staff of the Admiralty here, and before any final decision was taken communicated to the French Admiralty, who entirely approved of it and agreed to take part in it, and it was enthusiastically—I do not think I am using too strong a word—received and acclaimed by the illustrious Grand Duke then in command of the Russian Army, and who rightly thought it would assist him in the Caucasus in his operations there.

APPROVED BY THE CABINET.

"The matter was most carefully reviewed over and over again by the War Council. In answer to a question which I see was put to me to which I promised to reply, I may say that, although the operations were so contrived, and have been conducted with secrecy and in confidence, before any shot was fired, or any actual step taken, it was communicated to and approved by the Cabinet. In the circumstances of the case in which we then stood the operation conceived was a purely naval operation. We could not afford at that time—Lord Kitchener said so, and we all agreed—any substantial military support. It was therefore decided to make the attempt with the navy alone. I take my full share of the responsibility for the initiation of that operation—(cheers)—my full share. (Renewed cheers.) I deprecate more than I can say the attempt to allocate to one Minister or another, or to suggest in a matter of this kind some undefined personality of great authority and over-mastering will controlled and directed the strategy. That is not the case. If anybody is responsible for the initiation of this operation in the Dardanelles no one is more responsible than I. I thought then, as everybody must have thought who knew the whole of the circumstances and surveyed the whole situation, that we could run risks; but, on the other hand, we had, in the prosecution of the war, very great capital objects then in view:—

"To influence the whole Balkan situation in a sense favourable to the Allies;

"To open communication with the Black Sea and relieve what was then a very pressing necessity of this country, the necessity for a freer and fuller influx of wheat and other supplies; and

"If we could, to strike a blow at the very heart of the Turkish Empire.

"As I have said in its initiation it was purely a naval attack. The naval attack took place towards the end of February, and the outer forts gave way and were completely subjugated. Those naval operations were continued systematically for a month, and they culminated in the attack upon the Narrows on March 18, which resulted in a set-back and the loss of or damage to several important naval units.

SIR IAN HAMILTON'S SELECTION.

"We had then to consider whether and to what extent these operations should be continued, and it was the opinion of those who advised us that, with the help of an adequate military force, the attack might still be driven home with some success. Sir Ian Hamilton was selected to command the expedition. He left London early in March, was present at the naval attack on March 18, and a few days later, after seeing the vice-admiral on the spot, he reported to us that a joint naval and military attack was necessary. The actual plan of operations was left, as I think it ought to have been left, to the judgment of the commanders on the spot, although, as far as I know, there was never any disagreement between them and the opinion of the General Staff at home.

"I will not go into the details of the operations until we come to the beginning of August. We then assembled at the Dardanelles a very large naval and military force. The actual operations that took place have been described, and are familiar to the House and the public. I will only say this for myself—that in the whole course of the war, I have never sustained a keener disappointment than in the failure of that operation. The chances of success seemed to us and those on the spot to be not only great, but preponderating. The consequences of success, if it had been attained, were almost immeasurable. It would have affected the whole situation in the Balkans, and prevented the possibility of the adherence of what is unhappily a realised fact—the adhesion of Bulgaria to our opponents. It would have left the capital of the Turkish Empire open to menace and possibly capture, and throughout the whole of the Eastern world it would have been claimed as a most brilliant demonstration of the superiority of the Allies. But it did not succeed, notwithstanding the magnificent exhibition—never surpassed—of gallantry and resources on the part of our troops, and by none more conspicuously than on the part of the Australians. (Cheers.)

NAVY'S WORK IN SEA OF MARMORA.

"Nor ought the House to forget the extraordinary and magnificent services rendered throughout these operations by the whole of the Royal Navy. (Cheers.) Nothing has been more conspicuous than the services of our submarines. (Cheers.) Let me mention this most significant and encouraging fact, showing how the old spirit of the British Navy, its venturesomeness, its gallantry and resources, pervades those who have to manipulate the strange modern machines not known in the days of Drake, Hood, or Nelson. Up to October 26 British submarines operating against the enemy vessels in the Sea of Marmora sunk or damaged:—

Two battleships,
Five gun-boats,
One torpedo-boat,
Eight transports,
No less than 197 supply ships of all kinds.

"That is a wonderful chapter in the history of the British Navy. (Cheers.) The arrival of German submarines took place in May, and, of course, added an enormous danger to the situation. But the navy showed itself to be quite equal to it. Safe harbours were selected and prepared where ships could remain securely; small craft assembled in great numbers to maintain the communications of the army, and, finally, a number of specially constructed vessels—largely due to the inventive genius of Lord Fisher himself, which were built by the Admiralty in anticipation of such requirements—went out to the Mediterranean, and have done the most magnificent work. The navy throughout this campaign has risen superior to all difficulties, and has been able to maintain the communications of the army intact. (Cheers.)

IF IT HAD NOT BEEN STARTED.

"As I have said, the results of the attack made in August were disappointing. I admit this fully. I will tell the House the full truth, and the country ought to know it. But when you come to form a judgment—and I think it is premature yet to do so—whether this attack on the Dardanelles was an operation that ought to have been undertaken, you must consider what would have happened if it had not been undertaken. (Hear, hear.) It is at least probable that:—

"The Russians, who had already begun to retreat before the Germans in Poland, might have had a serious setback in the Caucasus.

"In all probability a great attack by the Turks might have been organised against us in Egypt.

"The Mesopotamia expedition might have been swept out of existence.

"Bulgaria, most certainly, would have become allied to the Central Powers months before she did.

"During the whole of this time, and up to the present time, do not forget that our forces on the Gallipoli Peninsula have held up, and are holding up, a force of something like 200,000 Turks, and preventing them from doing incalculable mischief in other parts. (Cheers.)"

HARBOUR TRUST.

RECORD OF WORKS.

SYDNEY'S IMPORTANCE AS A SEAPORT.

The time when the foreshores of Sydney Harbour presented a picture of scraggy wooden piers and landing places is within the recollection of most adult residents of the city. Here and there are still some unattractive views of the kind. But 15 years of administration by an independent, non-political Board of Commissioners has transformed these foreshores into, until they present now, with few exceptions, monuments of engineering skill and public utility.

It has taken a lot of money to accomplish this transformation. A capital debt, which stood at £7,367,9?2 on June 30 last, has been built up. On this debt an annual interest bill has to be paid of nearly £270,000. Yet a review of the work that has been done justifies the contention that it is all reproductive work, and a substantial addition to the solid assets of the country.

To-day the largest ships in the world can berth in Sydney Harbour, and can discharge their cargoes with comfort and facilities. The smallest pleasure-boat and the busy, crowded ferry steamer alike find a haven at the well-built and handily-situated wharfs of the foreshores. And still the work goes on. At the present time one of the biggest jobs the Sydney Harbour Trust has undertaken is being pushed on as rapidly as a limited supply of labour will permit. The work referred to is that of the remodelling of Jones Bay. The bay is connected with the railway, and will be linked up with the new line serving the State abattoirs at Homebush Bay. The new wharfs will in all probability be devoted to the rapidly-growing refrigerating trade of the State. This means that the largest oversea ships, with capacious refrigerating chambers, must be accommodated. A large area of private property had to be resumed, and huge excavations and other feats of engineering skill are included in the problem. But it is being pushed on, and will go down on the records as one of the biggest, permanent harbour improvements this side of the line.

During the last financial year, in which the full effects of the war, so far as Australian shipping is concerned, were felt, a revenue of just on half a million pounds sterling was collected. To earn this sum a working expenditure of £133,156 was required, together with £28,202 for renewals and replacements. In addition to these sums, £376,059 were spent from loan moneys on new works. The year's surplus on the revenue collected, after allowing for the money spent on renewals and replacements, and for the interest payment referred to, was £39,841, which sum went to swell the consolidated revenue. It will thus be seen that, despite the war, the operations of the Harbour Trust must be reckoned among the eminently satisfactory enterprises of the State.

The total number of vessels entering the port during the year was 9446, with a net register tonnage of 8,164,133 tons. The effect of the war will be seen when it is stated that these figures were 676 vessels and 1,272,977 tons less than in the previous year. The total of goods imported was 4,487,606 tons, which showed a decrease of 593,664 tons when compared with the previous year. It was in the deep-sea imports, naturally, that the greatest falling off occurred, the figures being:—1914, 1,939,702 tons; 1915, 1,574,822 tons. In both State and interstate shipping, however, there was also a substantial falling off. The comparison is:—Interstate: 1914, 912,661 tons; 1915, 757,313 tons. State: 1914, 2,228,906 tons; 1915, 2,157,471 tons. The total value of the imports for the last financial year were £46,217,756, as compared to £53,613,630 in the previous year. The outward wharfage fees last year amounted to £28,896. The amount was much less than was anticipated, mainly owing, it is stated, to the failure of the 1914-1915 wheat harvest. In these figures there would appear to be every justification for the satisfaction expressed by the Commissioners on the operations of the last financial year. The comparisons would probably show out in a favourable light against those of any other important seaport in the world.

One has only to think of the wonderful improvements made at Woolloomooloo Bay, for instance, or at Dawe's and Miller's Points, to understand to what good purpose these large sums of money have been spent. Thousands of people who would now lose their way while threading the maze of deep-sea shipping facilities at various, historical spots of our harbour foreshores, can remember the old-time mud-banks or oyster-rocks of these places. An absolute transformation is the only way to describe, for instance, the work done by the Trust in the Rocks area and in other places. Still, there is a huge amount of work to be done.

The Glebe Island jetty is going ahead, and there is now over 1200 feet of wharf accommodation. A depth of 30 feet at low water has been provided here, and it is expected that much of this year's record wheat crop will be handled here under modern shipping conditions.

The only discordant note struck by the Commissioners in viewing the work of the year refers to the growth of electric sign advertisements displayed around the harbour foreshores. They protest strongly against these signs, and point out that they are a danger to navigation, and a distinct menace to the safety of many thousands of ferry passengers. The warning thus given is a serious and a timely one. There has been some mention of a prospect of legislation being introduced to deal with this matter.

PERSONAL NOTES.

FALLEN AUSTRALIANS.

LANCE-CORPORAL S. A. BOSWELL.

Lance-corporal Stephen Alfred Boswell, of the 17th Batt., who has died of wounds, was 24 years of age, and was born in England. Prior to enlisting he was employed as a ticket collector on the railways, and resided at Burwood. His sister, Mrs. B. Tizzard, resides at Hurlstone Park.

PRIVATE A. J. THOMPSON.

Private Albert James Thompson, of the 18th Battalion, who was killed in action on August 26, was the third son of Mrs. Sarah Thompson, of Walcha (late of North Sydney). He was born at Parramatta, and educated at the Public School, North Sydney. Prior to enlisting he was employed as a storeman for the Pastoral Finance Association. His brother, Quartermaster Sergeant Harold Thompson, is at present in hospital at Oxford.

CITY PROPERTY.

LARGEST SALE SINCE THE WAR.

The most important sale of city property since the outbreak of war was made yesterday, when Hardie and Gorman Proprietary, Ltd., in conjunction with Richardson and Wrench, Ltd., and Raine and Horne, sold the Belfield lease parcel of the Sydney Arcade property, at the corner of King and George streets, for £112,500, leaving one shop in George-street, and the whole of the Sydney Arcade property proper to be disposed of.

ALLEGED DISLOYAL UTTERANCES.

PARKES, Friday.

A man named Julius Stellmacher, a German, was charged at the local police court with using disloyal utterances. Stellmacher, who is stated to have said, "British rule is no good; German rule is best. They have made another bungle at Gallipoli," was remanded pending communication with the military authorities.

R.M.S. OSTERLEY.

ARRIVAL AT FREMANTLE.

FREMANTLE, Friday.

The R.M.S. Osterley arrived from London this morning with the following passengers:—For Sydney: Mesdames Belasario, Cowan, Doyle, Kelso, Bulloch, Archibald, Brewer, Bindoff, Brown, Cashmore and infant, Cripps, Crittenden, Madame de Navenburg, Mesdames Green, Gilpin, Gray, Hutcheson, Hargreaves, Kirkland, Murray, Purcell, Pope, Shaw, Smith and two children, Lainsh, Tovey, Whitworth, Windsor and child, Misses Doyle, Hall (2), Monzane, Monks, Taylor, Stubbs (2), Scott, Speat, Bulloch, Sheppard, Archibald, Brewer, Nurse Powell, Misses Clark (2), Davis, Frank, Hinckley (2), Keith, Mitchell, M'Kinnon, Shaw, Slocken, Smith, Toosy, Messrs. Bulger, Clarkes, Dr. Cowan, Foster, Captain Firth, Dr. Holt, Lovell, Langdon, Bowles, Bean, Chippent, Lieutenant Perkins, Bindoff, Bland, Brown, Cashmore, Cripps, Hutcheson, Hargreaves, Johnson, Kirkland, Perry, Sheridan, Lainsh, Whitworth, Windsor, Ryan, Motley, Booth (2). For Brisbane: Mesdames Webster, Hawkin, Jackson, M'Aulay, Pike, Richards, Misses Webster (2), Wiseman, Baldwin, Drummond, Jackson, [illegible], M'Aulay, Pike, Smith, Sargent, Messrs. Webster, Bennett, Morling, Jackson, M'Aulay, [illegible], [illegible], Richards (2).

STRIKES.

SOUTH COAST COKE WORKS.

EMPLOYERS' OFFER.

BULLI, Friday.

The coke strike on the South Coast is causing grave concern. The ovens have now been idle for over a week, and it will take some time to get them heated and in working order again. For three years the proprietors have paid the men 9s per day, but the recent award gave an increase of 8d a day, making it 9s 8d. The employers, however, were not satisfied and asked for a conference, which was granted, and an offer of 10s 2d a day was made for all men working full time. It was understood, however, that there would be no penalisation for sickness, accident, or wet weather. The employees were prepared to accept 10s 2d, but objected to being compelled to work twelve days a fortnight to entitle them to the bonus of 6d per day.

Both sides were invited to confer before the Under-secretary for Labour, and the parties met in Sydney yesterday, when a straight out proposal of 10s per day was made by the proprietors, without reservation. Mr. J. Walker, secretary of the Cokeworkers' Union, stated to-day that the proprietors had signified their intention of going before the Appeal Court, conjointly with the employees, to have the award varied so as to include the 4d over award rates. There will be no victimisation, and every man will return to his work as he left it.

An aggregate meeting was called for this afternoon at the Oddfellows' Hall, Bulli, to deal with the recommendation, but owing to the short notice, only 80 members attended. This not being considered representative of the total membership, it was decided to adjourn the meeting until Tuesday next, at Bode's Grounds, Wollongong, at 11 a.m.

In connection with the statement made by the cokeworkers' delegate to the Labour Council, that the South Coast had only succeeded in getting a miserable award, the proprietors' representative said he was at a loss to understand this view, as the rates ruling were in excess of those in other parts of the State. In the north there were no overtime rates, and at Lithgow the award rate was 9s 8d. The increase of 8d in the south had been voluntarily given by the proprietors.

STATE HOTELS.

MELBOURNE, Friday.

For some time past the hotels taken over by the Federal Government at Port Darwin have been practically closed, owing to a strike of the employees. The Minister for External Affairs (Mr. Mahon) to-day announced that he had decided to refer the dispute to the Judge of the Federal Arbitration Court, who would appoint someone to take evidence locally. As soon as this evidence was received he (Mr. Mahon) would give his decision.

SOUTH COAST MINES.

BULLI, Friday.

The South Coast coal industry has been considerably interfered with from various causes during the week. In addition to the Metropolitan colliery, which has been idle practically all the week, Bulli and South Clifton mines did not work to-day. This morning the miners attended work as usual at South Bulli and Corrimal collieries, but had to return to their homes, as a result of the wheelers demanding a day's pay for a three-quarter shift in view of its being Christmas eve. Corrimal mine will not resume till Tuesday, and South Bulli, the miners state, not before Thursday. The miners' president (Mr. S. Bird) attended at Helensburgh to-day, but owing to the holidays, difficulty is being experienced in getting the men together to discuss the question of a resumption. Coalcliff was also idle to-day, as a result of the miners holding their regular monthly meeting.

TRADE WITH AMERICA.

SHIPPING SERVICE.

The Trade Commissioner to America, Mr. Nielsen, forwards to the Premier a report of Mr. P. E. Quinn's work at New York, in which he states that the result of his inquiries so far satisfies him that after the war the openings for trade with New York would be very great.

"I have already pointed out," Mr. Quinn says in a recent report to Mr. Nielsen, "the probability that in case the Administration Shipping Bill should pass the forthcoming session of Congress, a service to Australian ports would be one of the lines established by the Government, whose policy—as I understand it—is not to compete in directions already adequately served by private shipping enterprises, but to open out new lines in directions not so served. All the same, the administration proposals are viewed by the American shipping interests with the sharpest hostility. From authoritative, or rather exceptionally well-informed, sources, I learn that the prospects are that on this occasion the administration will succeed in passing its shipping proposals into law, in which event we may reasonably expect a line of United States Government-owned ships to be established in the New York-Sydney trade."

BUTTER EXPORT.

PROPOSED REMOVAL OF EMBARGO.

MELBOURNE, Friday.

Some straight talk was indulged in by the Minister for Agriculture (Mr. Hagelthorn) to-day, when he was waited upon by a deputation representing the butter merchants and butter producers, and urged to try to induce the Minister for Customs to lift the embargo on the export of butter. "Don't talk nonsense," said Mr. Hagelthorn, to one of the speakers, who said that butter had been sold for Australian consumption at a price below London parity rate, whereupon other members of the deputation called out that the speaker had only said what was correct. The Minister said he thought there would be very little difficulty in getting the Federal Ministry to place as few obstacles as possible in the way of the free export of the butter available. Anything he could do he would be glad to do, but he thought that some of the statements made were rather absurd. Members of the deputation, however, maintained that every one of them could be proved.

STRANGE POISONING CASE.

WARREN, Friday.

The local police are investigating a strange case of death from poisoning. Several Chinese living in a hut at Yee War's gardens decided to have pigs' trotters for their evening meal. The cook prepared the dish, and after tasting some himself, felt ill and lay down. Another Chinese, named Yow Sing, ate what was left in the cook's plate, and afterwards became very ill. Medical aid was summoned, but the sufferer died an hour after. Four others were also affected. Dr. Lavery, who held a post-mortem on Yow Sing's body, pronounced the cause of death to be strychnine poisoning. The District Coroner subsequently opened an inquiry, but, on the application of the police, adjourned it, pending a report from the Government Analyst, to whom the contents of deceased's stomach have been forwarded.

BUTTER TRADE.

MELBOURNE, Friday.

At the meeting of those interested in the butter trade, it was resolved to ask the Minister for Customs (Mr. Tudor) whether the Federal Government would not purchase outright the butter which he forbade the Producers' agents to export and which they could not sell locally.

TELEPHONE CALLS.

The Postmaster-General states that his statement in Melbourne was that the telephone calls on Monday exceeded those made prior to the adoption of the higher rate. For a few days after the change the calls fell, but gradually recovered, until they exceeded the record of a fortnight ago. He did not know how the change was operating in the other States, but is obtaining the information.

COTTAGE BURNED.

Fire destroyed a two-roomed cottage, owned by Mr. B. Kussman, at Woniora-road, Blakehurst, about 3 o'clock yesterday morning. [illegible]

LATE REV. G. CAMPBELL.

FUNERAL SERVICE.

The Pitt-street Congregational Church was filled with worshippers at midday yesterday, when a special funeral service was held in connection with the death of the Rev. George Campbell. The service, which was conducted by the Rev. F. V. Dowling, acting chairman of the New South Wales Congregational Union, was most impressive. Miss Frost presided at the organ. Representatives of other churches were present, including the Rev. Joseph Woodhouse, president of the Methodist Conference, the Rev. Dr. Porter (Baptist), and the Rev. Yarrington, sen. (Anglican). The Sydney City Mission, of which deceased was chairman, and had been one of the leading spirits for many years, was represented by the Rev. Mr. Moore, and a number of the Sisters. Ministers of the Congregational Church were present in large numbers, amongst them being the Revs. M. J. Johnson, A. J. Griffith, W. Mathison, T. Gordon Robertson, Wm. Allen, W. Cunliffe Jones, E. O. Nadebaum, W. Touchell, F. Priest, Jacob Williams, W. A. Marsh, W. T. Kench, E. L. Coulter, Dr. Roseby, A. Deans, C. Whyte, N. J. Cocks, James Buchan, E. W. Weymouth, V. W. Hillcoat, R. B. Reynolds, Robert Dey, J. Henwood Toms, A. Wade, and Principal Thatcher, of Camden College.

The Rev. N. J. Cocks delivered an address on the life of the deceased minister. Preaching from Paul's second letter to Timothy, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith," the preacher said the words might well have been spoken of deceased during the last hours of his life. He was ever a fighter. He knew what it was to meet great, overwhelming odds quite undismayed. The greater the task and the greater the difficulties the deeper was his response to the call. He knew what it was to face the squalor and the suffering of the under parts of the city, where his work charged many a one with new strength and courage. He knew what it was to go into the houses of the poor bearing the great tidings of help and succour. He pitted the kingdom of God against all the powers of darkness. Such was the course he had finished, working right up till the last minute almost, and they thanked God for his life and his life's work. It had been a great life, full of all kinds of ministry and helpfulness. Having heard the story of that life, they came there to close it with reverence.

The Rev. W. L. Patison led in prayer.

At the graveside at Rookwood the burial service was conducted by Dr. Roseby, assisted by the Rev. George Littlemore. The Rev. W. Mathison delivered a brief address. He said—"We mourn the loss of another veteran, who has played a big part in the counsels of the church, and who has assisted in an eminent degree in all the work of the church." He paid a special tribute to the deceased's work amongst the poor of the city.

The principal mourners were deceased's two sons, Mr. George Campbell, of Arncliffe, and the Rev. A. P. Campbell, of Killara. Amongst others present at the church and the graveside were:—Colonel R. Mc. Anderson, Rev. R. J. Meek, Messrs. Hugh Dixson, G. Weldon, W. Roberts, C. M. Kane, C. Bowes Thistlethwayte, Thomas Pratt, W. Dickson, J. M. Bredon, Dr. Rennie, O. C. Beale, E. W. Burscott, H. J. Hardie, R. A. Correy, C. H. Slatyer, D. T. Wiley, Howard Nutter, J. B. Dugeid, J. M. Main, Woodhill, Renwick, and Robert A. Dallen.

POULTRY.

HEAVY CHRISTMAS DEMAND.

During the past two days there has been an exceptionally heavy demand for choice quality poultry, and record high prices have been secured.

Traders generally anticipated that owing to the war and the drought there would be a shrinkage in the quantity of poultry consumed this Christmas, but the unexpected has happened. On Thursday and yesterday birds of really prime quality were eagerly snapped up, irrespective of price. Turkey gobblers were sold in the wholesale markets to £3 5s, and Muscovy drakes to 16s a pair. For young roosters up to 16s 6d was asked, while hens commanded 7s.

On the other hand the market was glutted with medium and inferior quality poultry, which agents found the greatest difficulty in selling.

OBITUARY.

EARL OF CRANBROOK.

LONDON, Dec. 24.

The death is announced of the Earl of Cranbrook, aged 45 years.

The late Earl, then the Hon. Gathorne Gathorne-Hardy, was private secretary to the late Viscount Hampden, Governor of New South Wales, from 1895 to 1897. He succeeded the second Earl (his father) in 1911.

FOOTBALLERS SUSPENDED.

"SQUARING A MATCH."

LONDON, Dec. 24.

Eight league players have been suspended for life for squaring a match in April between Manchester United and Liverpool.

LATE SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—Dec. 24.

COASTWISE.—Fitzroy, s., Bulli; ketch, Florant, ketch, from North Coast; Undola, s., from Port Kembla.

DEPARTURES.

Boppbala, s., for Melbourne.
Mokau, s., for Brisbane.

TELEGRAPHIC.

WILSON'S PROMONTORY (Clear).—Inwards: Dec. 24, Bright Wings, s., 2.55 p.m. Outwards: Dec. 24, Albania, s., 6.55 a.m.; Beulah, s., 6 p.m.

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Auction Sales	12, 11	Medical, Chemicals, etc	4
Births, Marriages, Deaths	8	Miscellaneous	16
Books, Publications, etc	3	Motor Cars, Bicycles, etc	5
Building Materials	12	Municipal Elections	2
Business Announcements	4	Musical Instruments	3
Businesses for Sale or Wanted	2	Partnerships	16
Calls and Dividends on Shares	14	Personal and Missing Friends	14
Church Services	13	Positions Vacant	16
Country Resorts	15, 16	Positions Wanted	16
Educational	7	Poultry, Dogs, etc.	14
Florists	4	Professions, Trades, etc.	16
For Sale	15, 14	Public Notices	2
Funerals	7	Residential Flats	13
Furniture, etc.	9	Religious Announcements	15
Government Notices	3	Servants Wanted	16
Government Railways	2	Shipping Announcements	1
Horses, Vehicles, and Live Stock	2, 4	Situations Wanted	16
Hotels	16	Stations, Farms, and Stock	4
Houses and Land for Sale	4	Stock, Shares, and Money	14
Houses, Land, Farms, Wanted	4	Tenders	1
Legal Notices	2	To Let—Houses, etc.	13
		Wanted to Purchase	1

TO-DAY.

Christmas Day: Church Services.
Town Hall: Royal Philharmonic Vocal and Orchestral Concert, 3 p.m.
Town Hall: Royal Philharmonic Society, "The Messiah," 8.
St. James's Hall: Newbury-M'Eacharn Concert, 8.
Unitarian Church: Dickens' "The Chimes."
Spencer's Lyceum: 2.30 and 8.
Picture Block Theatres, Crystal Palace, Lyric, Colonial, and Empress: 2 to 5, and 6 to 10.
Zoological Gardens: 9.30 to 5.
Glaciarium: West's Pictures, 2.15, 7.45.
Olympia Pictures: 2.30 and 8.
White City: 7.30 to 11.
Salvation Army, Congress Hall: Special Christmas Mission.
Dandies' Entertainment, Garden Theatre, Darlinghurst, 8.15.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

FINANCIAL.

A CHRISTMAS SERMON.

PEACE AND GOODWILL.

NEED OF INDUSTRIAL PEACE.

It seems vain in these days of war to talk of peace and goodwill. But peace is a prize of great worth, a prize worth fighting for. Whether we be Australians, British, French, or Germans even, in our heart of hearts, we all probably at this stage at least desire peace. Probably our enemies, who were the first to break that peace, are now the most anxious to see that blessing restored, for they have been informed of them must realise that today their chances of bringing the war to a successful issue are gradually fading away. It is abundantly clear that they have already thrown out many balloons d'essai. Have these been based upon a genuine desire for peace, or have they merely arisen from an eagerness to secure a separate peace from one or more of the Allies, so that they could more easily conquer those who remained, only to finish off those who had weakly yielded to their solicitations later on? Divide and rule may have been their motive, or it may have been all pure hypocrisy. They may have conceived the idea that if they could only persuade the Allies that they were desirous of peace, that would have the effect of causing them to relax their efforts to proceed with less diligence in their recruiting campaigns, and to slacken their production of munitions of war. But whatever may be the enemy's idea of peace there is no doubt as to the Allies' view. We want peace and want it badly, but the peace we desire, and the only description of peace we will tolerate, is a peace that will endure for a generation at least; some may say for a century. With this view firmly implanted in the breasts of the Allies, they fully realise that that kind of peace is not to be secured at this juncture. Were peace to be declared to-morrow it would be a calamitous thing for civilisation. Europe would still be in two warring camps. Such a peace would be no more than a prolonged armistice, an armistice not for the purpose of burying our dead, but for the purpose of rearming on a scale of magnificence never before known. With Macbeth we well might say:

Better be with the dead
Whom we, to gain our peace, have sent to Peace,

than accept such a peace as that. It would not be peace. It would be war carried on for a while without bloodshed, but still war. Taxation would be piled upon taxation, the poor would be ground down; the rich would be impoverished in a mad race of armaments, and the battle royal would recommence just as soon as one of the groups considered itself to have a temporary advantage. We want no such peace, and will have none of it, no matter what the pacifists may say, but will rather subscribe to the view of the younger Pitt, who held that "War, with all its evils, is better than a peace in which there is nothing to be seen but usurpation and injustice."

In order to secure that lasting peace, which all desire, there must be another sort of peace as a preliminary measure. There must be peace among our own people. When the war first broke out there was a wonderful exhibition of the solidarity of the race. The Irish question that was threatening the Empire with civil war receded to the background when the more important crisis faced the nation. The suffragist trouble that was causing British statesmen a good deal of alarm, at once subsided in face of the greater issue of national self-preservation. The two jarring parties in the Imperial Parliament came together, and are now acting as one. The liberty of the subject was interfered with in a way that a few years ago would have been pronounced impossible. Such solidarity is excellent, indeed, but it should be carried further. As between the workers and their employers there are still some smouldering fires of discontent, ready to leap up into flames at the slightest zephyr of provocation. Even where the employer is the State, as at Walsh Island, and even where the workers are manufacturing munitions for the use of their brothers at the front, there is industrial unrest, thus diminishing the output of those munitions, and so causing the death of some of those brothers. The man who foments a strike or who, through his actions, does anything that reduces the output of munitions of war, is a traitor to his country. It may not even be too strong a term to brand him the murderer of his comrades in the trenches, for that is what he virtually is, though no jury would, perhaps, find a conviction on such a charge. Those who delay the turning out of smallarms at Lithgow are equally blameworthy, and that quite irrespective of the gravity of their grievances. There can be no grievances so great as to warrant a stoppage of work in the circumstances. Those who crave for peace must realise that the more vigorously the war is carried on the sooner there will be peace, and the more laxity that is allowed to creep into our conduct of hostilities the longer will peace be deferred, and the more lives will be lost. Industrial peace must thus precede the wider peace among the nations, which is so much to be desired. With Longfellow, we may well agree that—

War is a terrible trade, but, in the cause that is righteous,
Sweet is the smell of powder.

So far we have spoken of the delinquencies of the workers. There is another side to the picture. All troubles do not arise from some wrongdoing on the part of the men. The masters are also at times in the wrong. The duty rests upon them quite as much as upon the men to show unusual forbearance in these days when all our nerves are at the surface. A new description of morality will have to grow up if we are to win this war. Employers of labour will have to realise that they must do everything humanly possible to make the lot of their employees tolerable, so that they may be capable of the maximum of efficiency. Employers on their part must see that their wages are not expended in a way that will reduce that efficiency, and that their hours of leisure are so occupied as to add, and not to diminish, the productivity of their labour. Then, business men, who are suppliers of goods to the Defence Department, should feel that they are servants of the State rather than of themselves. The State is an enormous buyer. Its organisation for this purpose was too hurriedly conceived to be really effective. Too often the Defence Department is as a pigeon to be plucked by the unscrupulous trader. But let not the trader who has such a base idea of his responsibilities to the State, to which he owes his everything, fail to remember that he who takes advantage of the position of his country in such a crisis is doubly traitor. There is no punishment too harsh or too exemplary to be inflicted upon those who rob the Commonwealth at war. No doubt before we are very much older there will be many inquiries made as to what has been done in this direction. There may be many a man who now sleeps soundly at night who later on, when time presses less heavily upon the authorities, will pass many a sleepless night wondering what defence he can put up to enable him to avoid that condign punishment that those in power are endeavouring to mete out to him. The day of reckoning will come with many who now feel themselves secure. When all are for the State and none for themselves then we will be within measurable distance of a lasting peace. Had all been for the State when war first broke out we should be nearer peace to-day.

LIFE ASSURANCE WAR MORTALITY.

The experience of life assurance in regard to war mortality was discussed by Mr. Andrew Newell, chairman of directors of the National Mutual Life Association of Australia, at the annual meeting of the association in Melbourne on Wednesday. After reciting the fact that 541 policy-holders had given their lives for the Empire, and that the mortality experience was less than was provided for, already mentioned in these columns, Mr. Newell went on to say: "The question is often asked to what extent will life assurance companies be affected by the war. Their principal business is to provide for the payments of the sums assured at the deaths of policy-holders, and the premiums charged are calculated on the assumption that the rate of mortality will be the rate that is found to obtain amongst healthy people following civil occupations under normal conditions. The liability of the companies is greatly increased when the policy-holders submit themselves to the terrible risks of warfare. It is impossible to say what the extent of those risks is under present conditions, but I am inclined to think that we are apt to exaggerate them."

HIGH RATE AMONG OFFICERS.

"The most complete statistics that have been published on this subject," he continued, "refer to the South African war, and these show that during the whole duration of that war the rate of mortality from all causes—wounds and illness amongst all ranks—was at the rate of a little less than 40 per thousand per annum, whilst the ordinary rate of mortality amongst assured lives at age 30 is less than 8 per thousand per annum. We have no means of estimating what the mean rate will be in the present war; the published figures up to the end of April seem to indicate a higher rate amongst officers than any previous experience, but the facts were incomplete. The effect on the life companies will, of course, depend on the number of their policy-holders who go to the front, but whatever the number may be, so sound is their position, and so strong are their reserves, it will be found that they can easily bear the strain. It is impossible to say how many of our policy-holders have enlisted, for those who insured before the outbreak of war are free to do what they please, and we are not advised of their movements; but we do know that the number of National Mutual policy-holders who have given their services is more than sufficient to fill two battalions, and it probably is sufficient to fill the whole brigade, and to provide a full complement of all ranks, from officer commanding to private. The directors have offered every facility and encouragement for officers of the association to enlist, and I am glad to be able to say that officers from the head office and from every branch are serving. Those who for various reasons are unable to enlist are working at high pressure to keep the work from falling into arrears through the absence of their comrades, and in this way they are doing their part.

INCOME TAX ON PARTNERSHIPS.

F. W. writes:—

Section 25 of the Commonwealth Income Tax Assessment Act provides that partners shall be assessed and liable with respect to their joint income as if it had been derived by a single person without regard to any deductions to which they may individually be entitled; and in addition each partner is to be separately assessed and liable in respect of his individual interest in the income.

This section has been amended so far as regards partnerships entered into before the commencement of the Act, in which case the amounts actually paid out of partnership profits to the individuals are deducted from the profits before assessment, and the tax calculated on the balance.

Therefore, suppose four persons enter into partnership after September 13, 1915. The joint income is £1000. The rate of tax is approximately 7d in the £ on this amount. Hence an individual partner who draws £250 from the firm pays in the first place 5d in the £ on that amount, or about £7 4s, and in addition pays £1 3s upon £84, his taxable income as an individual, that is, £250 minus £156, the statutory exemption. Hence, the man who is so foolish as to enter into a partnership will pay £8 9s upon the same income as, if he were "on his own," would cost him only £1 3s.

It is difficult to believe that such could have been the intention of the Act, but the provisions of the two Acts, original and amending, seem perfectly clear.

Our correspondent's reading of the Act is not correct. Section 25 is read in conjunction with section 27. The result is that partners pay tax on their individual incomes, and partnerships pay tax on any profits which are not distributed. As in most partnerships all profits are distributed, it is not expected that many partnerships will pay tax. But if a partnership does pay tax the rate on the profit undistributed is at the same rate in the £ as if the whole profit were taxable.

LONDON FINANCIAL CABLES.

BANK OF ENGLAND RETURNS.

LONDON, Dec. 24.

The Bank of England reserves in notes and gold are £24,444,000, as against £24,464,000 last week, and £52,608,000 a year ago. The proportion of reserves to liabilities is 22.70, as against 23.55 last week, and 34.11 a year ago. The circulation is £35,097,900, as against £34,267,000 last week, and £28,796,000 a year ago.

ISSUE DEPARTMENT.

Notes issued	£69,363,000	Government securities	£11,015,000
		Other securities	7,434,000
		Gold and silver coin	50,914,000
	£69,363,000		£69,363,000

BANKING DEPARTMENT.

Proprietors' capital	£14,553,000	Government securities	£32,849,000
Public deposits	50,555,000	Other securities	102,150,000
Other deposits	98,734,000	Notes	34,209,000
Rest, 7 day, and other bills	3,512,000	Gold and silver coin	178,000
	£169,734,000		£169,734,000

THE MONEY MARKET.

The Bank of England discount rate is 5 per cent., to which it was reduced on August 7, 1914. The open market rate of discount for three months fine bills is unchanged at 5¼ per cent. Short loans are quoted unchanged at 4½ per cent.

The Bank of France rate is 5 per cent., to which it was reduced on August 21, 1914.

AUSTRALIAN STOCKS.

Prices of Consols and of Australian Government stocks on Thursday, on the previous Thursday, and immediately prior to the war, were:—

	July 30, 1914.	Dec. 17, 1915.	Thursday.
War loan, 3½ per cent.	—	89⅝	89⅝
War loan, 4½ per cent.	—	97¼	97¼
Two and a half per cent. Consols	73¼	58½	58½
N.S.W. 4's, 1933, Jan.-July	101	95	95
N.S.W. 3½'s, 1918, March-Sept.	100	93¾	93¾
N.S.W. 3's, 1935, April-Oct.	85	78	78
N.S.W. 3½'s, 1920-50, Jan.-July	88	83¾	83¾
Victoria 4's, 1920, Jan.-July	100	93¼	93¼
Victoria 3½'s, 1921-6, Jan.-July	95	91¼	91¼
Victoria 3's, 1929-9	80	76	76
Victoria 3½'s, 1920-40	80	83½	83½
S.A. 3½'s, 1939, Jan.-July	90	85¾	85¾
S.A. 3's, 1916, Jan.-July	74	70¼	70¼
Q'land 4's, 1915-24, Jan.-July	100	95	95
Q'land 3's, 1922-47, Jan.-July	79	74¼	74¼
Q'land 3½'s, 1922-37, Jan.-July	95	91¼	91¼
N.Z. 4's, 1933, May-Nov.	100	95	95
N.Z. 3½'s, 1921-40, Jan.-July	92	83¼	83¼
N.Z. 3's, 1930, April-Oct.	80	76	76
Tas. 3½'s, 1920-40, Jan.-July	92	85¾	85¾
Tas. 3's, 1920-40, Jan.-July	80	76 1-16	76 1-16
W.A. 3½'s, 1920-35, May-Nov.	92	87½	87½
W.A. 3's, 1915-35, May-Nov.	86	82	82

COMMERCIAL.

THE SUGAR AGREEMENT.

DOES THE GOVERNMENT PROFIT?

The question has been raised whether the Commonwealth Government will make any monetary profit out of the sugar agreement. The "Australian Sugar Journal" has contended that the claim put forward on behalf of the Government that it is making no profit out of the transaction could not be supported by a study of the available figures. Its estimate is that the proportion accruing to the Commonwealth is not less than 30s per ton or upwards of £231,000 in all. Mr. Swayne, representing Mirani in the Queensland Assembly in speaking on the estimates of the Bureau of Central Mills, gave some details of the manner in which he had come to very much the same conclusion. The present price of refined sugar he said was £25 10s. Under the old system, when the mill dealt directly with the refinery, before the intervention of the State, the price at the mills was £16 19s 6d. Under the present arrangement the price at the mills was £18. He would like some information about the discrepancy of 19s 6d. What had that money been used for? Under the present arrangement the difference in price between raw sugar and refined sugar was £7 10s. In olden times, when there was a constant agitation for a State refinery, the margin that was allowed between refined sugar and raws—and it was constantly quoted—was £6 2s 6d. That was shown by the prices for 1A in Sydney in June, 1914, and the price paid the miller during the preceding twelve months. He would like some information about that. He noticed that the Minister for Mines, speaking in another place, accounted for this difference to the extent of £6 19s 2d. That still left 10s 10d to be accounted for, which on the crop of 154,200 tons—last year's crop—amounted to over £77,000. Then there was the discrepancy of 19s 6d between the price raws would have obtained if dealing directly with the Colonial Sugar Refining Company instead of the present system through the Federal Government, and if they added that to the £77,000, it would make a total of £227,000, which, under ordinary circumstances, the miller, through him the grower, would get. While he was not disputing that there might be some very good reason for it, still as a representative of the sugar district he was perfectly entitled to seek for some information on the point.

RICE AND OTHER CEREALS.

Mr. W. J. S. Beresford writes:—

In reference to the statement made to the Necessary Commodities Commission that Australia was the cheapest place where rice could be bought, I cannot understand how any business man would give utterance to such an absurd statement. As no rice is grown in Australia, all the rice which is sold here has been imported; consequently, if it is bought cheaper here than in any other part of the world the importers must sell it at less than cost, a procedure which is not at all characteristic of importers here or elsewhere. Rice in India, Burmah, and Java is sold retail at about one-fifth of the price ruling for it in Australia.

As for quality, We do not know what good table rice is—the stuff we get here is chiefly suitable only for starch-making. So much for evidence before the Commodities Commission. It reminds me that the last time I attended the Tariff Commission I was surprised at seeing an ex-bookmaker (buyer of odds) giving expert evidence in favour of increasing the duty on imported boots and shoes.

The Commodities Commission appears to take much unreliable evidence to discover the obvious, and has no shame in doing so. I fully expect to see it inquiring into the verity of the multiplication table, but certainly not into the ways of the dried fruit trust, nor into the ways of the packers-up of wheatmeal (sharps) into cartons with registered fancy names, which they sell at treble the price of flour.

LONDON MARKET CABLES.

BRADFORD TOPS.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

The Bradford tops market is firm and without change.

THE WOOL AUCTIONS.

EMBARGO ON EXPORTS EXPECTED.

The wool sales closed with excited bidding at the fullest prices of the series. There were sold to home buyers 80,000 bales, to the Continent 12,000 bales, and to the United States 3000, while there were held over to next series 10,000. Compared with November closing rates, good merinos advanced 15 per cent., medium and faulty 10 to 15 per cent.; greasy crossbreds, which were scarce, though in bad condition, advanced 10 per cent.; scoureds, especially the finer grades, had sensational prices—often 20 per cent. above November rates. Slipes all round were 10 per cent. higher, crossbred lambs were 10 to 15 per cent., and merinos 10 per cent. higher, though generally inferior. There is a possibility of the embargo on exports, especially crossbreds, being renewed owing to the needs for cloth for the British and Allied armies. Our market has been depleted of crossbreds by recent exports to the United States and the Continent. Relief from South America is not forthcoming, as the Germans control that market, so the embargo may be necessary in order to assure adequate supplies and check speculative movements by traders desiring to supply Germany after the war. Prices realised to-day were:—Oban, highest 31d, average 30d; Rockwood, 29½d, 28½d; Flemington, crossbred 29½d, 25d; Flemington, 13d, 11½d; Eulolo, 24½d, 23½d; Midkin, 21d, 19½d.

CEREALS.

The wheat market is firm. A steamer cargo of 7000 tons, expected to be despatched in April, sold at 64/ per quarter.

Flour is firm.

Oats are rather dearer, La Plata afloat selling at 29/6 per quarter of 304lb.

Beans and peas are held for full prices.

DAIRY.

The butter market is dull, and tending to be weaker owing to increased arrivals of Danish butter, and the simultaneous arrival of the Medina's shipment of 36,000 boxes, and the Arawa's 5,000 boxes before the Rimutaka's shipment has been cleared; also to the disinclination of the consumers to pay high prices. Quotations are irregular. Danish about 160/ per cwt, but is offering next week at considerably less. The Medina's choicest salted sold at 144/ to 148/, unsalted 150/ to 152/. New Zealand salted 148/ to 152/, unsalted 152/ to 156/. Argentine unsalted 148/ to 152/ per cwt.

SUGAR.

The sugar market is without change. American granulated selling at 32/6 per cwt.

SILVER.

Bar silver was quoted to-day at 25 13-16d per ounce standard, a fall of ⅛d.

METALS.

Closing quotations to-day were:—

Copper, spot and three months, £84/2/6 to £84/7/6 per ton (£1/7/6 up).

Electrolytic copper, £101/10/ to £102/10/ per ton (10/ up).

Lead, soft foreign, spot, £29/10/ per ton (12/6 up), three months, £28 per ton (10/ up).

Pig iron, Middlesbrough No. 3, 77/ per ton (6d down on the week).

MEAN METAL PRICES.

	Copper. 3 months.	Tin. 3 months.	Lead, Spot.	Spelter, Spot.
Dec. 17	£81 7 6	£168 12 6	£28 15 0	—
Dec. 20	83 5 0	167 5 0	28 17 6	—
Dec. 21	84 7 6	168 10 0	—	£87 0 0
Dec. 22	82 17 6	167 5 0	—	—
Dec. 23	84 5 0	—	29 10 0	—
A year ago	57 6 3	142 5 0	19 2 6	27 2 6

GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

BONDED STOCKS.

The stocks of merchandise in bond, other than wines, spirits, and narcotics, but including spirits distilled in New South Wales, on December 24, 1915, and the movements for the week were:—

—	Imports.	Duty Paid.	Exports.	In Bond, Friday.	In Bond, Dec. 24, 1914.
Hops, lbs	—	1,448	30	35,632	50,197
Candles, boxes	1,353	222	5	1,791	528
Milk, cases	—	2	—	857	295
Rice, sacks	91	1,069	647	53,749	77,243
Do., bags	2,742	2,497	1,96[illegible]	4,267	12,670
Do., mats	200	512	762	1,955	13,455
Vinegar, casks	—	—	—	107	155
Do., cases	—	22	—	819	107
Galvanised Iron, cs.	—	—	—	241	175
Glucose, casks	—	—	—	103	15
Do., cases	—	—	—	221	287
Salt, sacks	—	—	—	8,217	—
Do., bags	—	—	11	482	461
Rock salt, tons	—	—	—	14	42
Cement, casks	—	—	11	7,053	430
Currants, lbs.	—	277	—	145,249	5,101
Raisins, lbs.	—	900	19	8,127	29,886
Dates, lbs.	81,500	122,976	983	255,879	197,395
Other fruit, lbs.	1,150	—	2,500	54,541	58,310
Spirits, distilled in N.S.W., gallons	†18,146	*9,214	14,551	294,813	298,478
Coffee, lbs.	—	16,985	1,164	195,516	166,130

*Including deliveries for manufacture and methylation.

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† Placed in bond. ‡ Taken out of bond.

SUGAR.

The Colonial Sugar Refining Company quotes:—1B, £26/10/ a ton; 1X, £26; 1XD, £25/10/; 1A, £25/10/; 1, £22/10/; 2 (IC), £25/5/.

SUGAR STOCKS.

	Imp. Tons.	Duty paid. Tons.	Exp. Tons.	In Bond. Aust. Tons.	In Bond. Foreign. Tons.
Sept. 10	2,451	2,146	78	4,333	2,278
Oct. 15	731	1,666	24	7,291	2,002
Nov. 12	1,842	2,211	12	17,422	1,868
Dec. 17	10,545	2,295	40	18,161	10,170
Dec. 24	563	2,833	49	17,839	10,122

The amount in bond on December 24, 1914, was 41,632 tons Australian and 10,615 foreign; and on December 24, 1913, 48,354 tons Australian and 16,201 tons foreign.

INTERSTATE MARKETS.

ADELAIDE, Friday.

Wheat unchanged, official rate 5/3½, f.o.b. at chief ports. Flour, £12 net cash, at Port Adelaide; £12/10/ delivered at Adelaide. Bran, 1/0½ to 1/1. Pollard, 1/0½ to 1/1. Oaten, dull, sellers 1/10 f.o.b. at Port Adelaide for January shipments. Barley, firm, 3/6 to 3/9 for best English malting; good, 3/3; medium, 3/1; fair, 2/9; feed, 2/6; best Cape Barley, 2/3 to 2/6; feed, around 2/. Chaff, £2/7/6 on trucks at Mile End, bags included. Cornsacks, firm, 9/ on truck at Port Adelaide. Branbags, 8/4.

PRODUCE.

DAIRY.

THE FINAL FLUTTER.

There was a final flutter in the dairy section of Sussex-street yesterday. Most grocers had filled the bulk of their requirements on Thursday, but there were some lines which they feared they would run out of before closing time, and they therefore hurried to "the street" for additional supplies. In this way it came about that there was an exceptionally strong demand for new-laid suburban eggs, and prices were maintained at from 1/5½ to 1/6 a dozen. On the other hand, case eggs were slow, and agents were forced to accept 1/4½ for both river and railway consignments.

Butter met with a keen demand at 140/4 per cwt.

Stocks of bacon and hams were exhausted.

Quotations were:—

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Butter, at Sydney (proclaimed prices).—First grade, 140/4 per cwt, including 1/6 charge for boxes; and usual cartage not exceeding 6d per cwt.

Bacon (proclaimed price).—Sides 1/, flitches /11½, middles 1/2; shoulders /10 per lb.

Hams (proclaimed price).—All brands 1/5½ per lb.

Eggs.—Suburban new-laid 1/5 to 1/6; South Coast and railways, 1/4½ to 1/5; Northern Rivers, 1/4½; duck eggs, new-laid, 1/3 to 1/6; case, 1/4 a dozen.

Lard.—Packets, /11 to /11½, bulk /10½ to /11 per lb.

Pigs' Feet.—1/6 a dozen.

Honey.—60lb tins of choice western, /3 to /3½, inferior /2 to /1.

Beeswax.—1/6 per lb.

Cheese.—Prime /10, much /8 per lb.

POULTRY.

Railway and River Consignments.—Old hens, 3/ to 3/6, choice 4/; young roosters, 4/6 to 5/, choice 6/6. Muscovy ducks, 4/6 to 5/6, choice 6/; drakes, 5/ to 6/, choice 7/6; English ducks, 3/6 to 4/; choice 5/; turkeys, gobblers, good 10/ to 12/, choice 25/; hens, small 5/ to 7/, choice 10/; pigeons, 1/6 to 1/9; geese 6/ to 7/; guineafowls, 4/6 to 5/6 (almost nominal); chickens, /9 to 1/ a pair.

Messrs. Mossman and Ellis report having obtained the following prices at their auction sales on Thursday and Friday:—Eggs: Hen, new laid 1/5 to 1/6, railway and rivers 1/4 to 1/5; duck, new laid to 1/6, case from 1/4. Fowls: Roosters, extra specials to 11/, choice 9/ to 10/6, good 7/6 to 8/6, medium light and small from 3/; hens, choice heavy to 7/6, good 5/6 to 6/6, medium and light from 4/. Ducks: English, choice young to 6/6, good 4/6 to 5/6, medium light and old from 4/; muscovy, extra choice young to 10/, good 7/6 to 8/6, medium light and old from 6/6, drakes; Muscovy, extra good to 16/, good 10/ to 11/, medium and light from 8/6. Turkeys: Hens, choice heavy to 21/6, good 15/ to 17/6, medium and light from 11/, gobblers, extra specials to 65/, good 45/ to 55/, medium and light from 25/. Geese: Choice young to 15/, old, light, and inferior from 8/6. Pigeons: Choice young to 2/, old and light from 1/6 per pair. Carcase pork, to 1/ per lb; carcase veal, to 8d. All classes of produce were in exceedingly good demand.

FORAGE AND GRAIN.

STRONG DEMAND FOR POTATOES AND ONIONS.

There was a strong demand for potatoes and onions. Victoria contributed 500 bags of Pinkeye potatoes, which cleared at up to £15 a ton. A parcel of 250 bags of Globe onions also made its appearance, and sold at £5.

Quotations were:—

FORAGE.

Derrick Straw.—Tasmanian, £5/15/ to £6; New Zealand, £6 to £6/10/ a ton.

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes.—Victorian pinkeyes, £15 a ton.

Onions.—Victorian Globes, £5 a ton.

GRAIN AND BY-PRODUCTS.

Maize.—South African, flat or round, yellow, 5/11 to 6/; white, 5/7 to 5/8 a bushel.

Broom Millet.—Prime, workable, £40; prime long hurl, £38 a ton.

Oats.—American: Algerian, 3/ to 3/3; white, up to 3/8 a bushel.

Peas.—Tasmanian: Grey, 6/3 to 6/6 a bushel; Blue, none available.

Bran.—Local, £4 a ton.

Pollard.—Local, £4 10/ a ton.

FIREWOOD.

Boxwood, choice 18/, good 15/ to 16/; stringy, 12/ to 16/; ironbark, 10/6 to 14/; mixed wood, 11/ to 13/6; bakers wood, choice, 15/, good 14/, inferior 10/ to 11/ a ton.

RAILWAY MARKET.

MARKET DEAD.

At the railway produce auctions yesterday the market was absolutely dead. With Christmas at hand, and an exceptionally small attendance of buyers, very little business was transacted. A weak demand, with practically no competition, prevailed. No sales will be held at the Railway Yards until Wednesday, December 29.

Only one truck of potatoes was auctioned.

Quotations were:—

Produce placed in position to arrive: Hay, straw, chaff, 23; grain, 10; potatoes, 2.

Manifested to arrive: Hay, straw, chaff, 155; grain, 83; potatoes, 7.

Wheaten Chaff.—Ex Petershan (12848), passed, 4/8; ex Alexandria (16728), passed, 4/8; ditto (16808), 4/9; Gardiner, Ceres Sidings (10540), 5/1; Kirkman, Woodstock (8016), passed, 4/11; ex Woodstock (18463), passed, 4/; Kirkman, Woodstock (2274), 4/5; ditto (16609), passed, 4/7; Jones, Ladysmith (17278), no offer; ex King's Vale (2661), 5/3; Griffiths, Coolamon (12254), 5/; ditto (12925), 5/; Kelly, Ganmain (12912), 5/6; ex Yerong Creek (2871), mixed with oaten, 5/2; ex Yanco (15551), 4/8 per cwt.

Oaten Chaff.—Ex Turner (10486), 5/6; ex Stockinbingal, passed, 5/3; Tucker, Woodstock (12928), passed, 5/4; Curtis, Gantmain (10662), 5/6 per cwt.

Oats.—Shichan, Hopefield (10958), 100 bags Algerian, 2/7 per bushel.

Potatoes.—Ex Kiama (126), 12 bags "F," 16/; ex Albion Park (13698), 13 bags "X," 16/; 8 bags "JC," 14/ per cwt.

FRUIT MARKET.

CHERRIES DEARER.

There was a good demand for cherries, and prices advanced slightly. The best samples brought from 8/ to 9/ a 12lb box.

Otherwise, prices were unchanged.

Quotations were:—

The quotations for local fruit do not include cases.

Lemons.—Local, choice 16/, medium 10/ to 12/, small 6/ to 7/ a bushel-case.

Bananas.—Fijian: 21/ to 23/ a case, 6/6 to 9/ a bunch; G.M.S., 24/ to 25/ a case, 8/ to 12/ a bunch; choice loose, 11/ to 12/; Tweed River, 13/ to 15/; Queensland, 10/ to 14/ a case.

Rockmelons.—Queensland, 12/ to 14/ a case.

Passionfruit.—Local, choice 7/ to 7/6, medium 4/ to 5/, small 2/6 a half-bushel case.

Oranges.—American: 18/ to 20/.

Strawberries.—Local: Choice 19/ to 21/, medium 12/ to 15/ a dozen punnets.

Apples.—Local: Dessert or cooking, choice 8/, medium 5/ to 6/, small 2/6. American, Jonathans, Winesaps, 8/ to 12/ a bushel-case.

Apricots.—Choice 6/ to 7/, medium 4/ to 5/, small 2/6 to 3/ a half-bushel case. Victorian: 8/ to 15/ a bushel-case.

Cherries.—Local: Choice, 8/ to 9/, medium 4/ to 5/, small 3/ to 3/6 a 12lb box. Victorian: 7/ to 10/ a half-bushel case.

Peaches.—Local: Choice 7/, medium 4/ to 5/, small 2/; Victorian, 8/ to 14/ a half-bushel case.

Gooseberries.—Tasmanian: 5/ to 6/ a half-bushel case.

Plums.—Local: Light and dark, choice 8/ to 9/, medium 5/ to 6/, small 4/ a half-bushel case.

Nectarines: Local, choice 8/ to 9/, medium 4/ to 5/, small 2/6 a half-bushel case.

Pineapples.—Ripleys 7/ to 8/, common 5/ to 6/.

MINING.

NOTES.

The plant of the New Associated Gold-dredging Company, in a run of 109 hours last week, recorded 14oz 17dwts of gold.

The manager of the Baker's Creek gold mine, Hillgrove, reports having crushed 54 tons of ore for 251oz 7dwt of gold, thus showing an average of 4oz 13dwt per ton. Included in the above were 19 tons of the company's ore which yielded 104oz 17dwt (average 5½oz), and 145oz 10 dwt from tributors' stone (average 4oz 4dwt per ton), or a total value of about £950.

LONDON SHARE MARKET.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

On the Stock Exchange to-day British B.H. shares were quoted b 21/9, s 22/9. Mount Elliott, b 50/, s 55/; Waihi G. M. Co., b 34/9, s 36/3.

AUSTRALIAN ENTERPRISE.

TIN-DREDGING IN FOREIGN PARTS.

It is pretty well certain that before long the Austral Malay Tin, Ltd., a New South Wales creation, will "make good" in Malay, through the labours of the first dredge of the Kampong Kamunting Co., for it is almost certain that early in the coming year—all going well with the price of tin—it will start paying dividends. Although the Kamunting Tin Dredging Company is a British-controlled enterprise, its foster-mother was the Austral Malay Tin, Ltd., for the Kamunting Company acquired its dredging area in the Taipung Valley from the Austral Malay Tin, Ltd. In fact, the dredge of the Kampong Kamunting Company, of which the Austral Malay Tin, Ltd., is also the foster-mother, also that of the British Kamunting Company, are almost within sight of one another, being at work nearly opposite to each other on the edges of the Taipung Valley. The latter is the main watercourse along which the detrital matter shed from the adjoining granite ranges was borne and deposited in the valley to be worked for more than a century by the Chinese with their primitive Long Tom, shovel, and hoe.

Looking for new worlds to conquer, the Austral Malay Tin, Ltd., has turned its attention to Bolivia, in South America, where it is believed exceptional opportunities offer for tin dredging operations. With this object in view, a scheme is on foot to form in Sydney a company, to be called the Austral Bolivia, Ltd., under the wing of the Austral Malay Tin, Ltd. It is proposed that the Austral Bolivia, Ltd., shall be constituted with a nominal capital of £50,000 in £1 shares, of which 20,000 will be issued immediately, 2/6 per share being called up on 16,000 of the 20,000 shares, the balance (4000) to be issued fully paid up to Messrs. J. Richards, O. Gore Adams, and Austral Malay Tin, Ltd., as vendors and promoters. The latter will take the management and direction of the undertaking, and underwrite the whole issue. It will subscribe 6000 of the contributing shares, leaving 10,000 for outside subscription. The directors will be Messrs. A. W. Freeman, F. Leverrier, K.C., R. P. Lawrence, M.I.C.E., and W. A. Freeman (directors of the Austral Malay Tin, Ltd.).

The company is being formed primarily to handle an option obtained from Senor Mendieta, a wealthy Bolivian, over an alluvial tin property, situated near Potosi, in Bolivia, South America, and to look for other mining properties as a Mines Exploration and Investigation Company.

The information about the property has been supplied by Messrs. Richards and Adams, who have visited the ground and sampled it, but their data will be subjected to examination by Mr. W. Bethune, a member of the Austral Malay Company's Malayan staff, and formerly manager of the Lobbs' Hole copper mine in this State. According to the information supplied by Messrs. Richards and Adams, the area of ground available is 600 acres, carrying 5,000,000 cubic yards of tin and silver bearing material, down to about 8ft (water level). The grade of the material is set down at 12lb of tin oxide per yard, and 3-5ths of an ounce of silver (recoverable)—equal to 6/6 per yard at the present price of those metals.

The output of tin oxide from Potosi—won almost exclusively from the mines on the famous Potosi Hill—used to be about 300 to 400 tons per month, and the mills saved on an average only about 50 per cent. of the tin contents, so that, for a number of years, this quantity has been sent down the river monthly. The river runs in a narrow and steep bed from Potosi to the property, so that practically all of the material reaches the Mendieta flats. The Potosi Hill contains very many tin and silver veins. The two metals are closely associated, and practically every one of the numerous metalliferous veins in the hill contain both tin and silver.

As evidence of the wealth of the Potosi mines, it is estimated that they have produced over 6000 cubic yards of pure silver. That figure would represent about 1,500,000,000 oz. of silver, worth at current prices £150,000,000. As regards the estimated depth of the Mendieta deposit, it is quite possible it is much deeper than 8ft. The water at that depth stopped the natives. It is possible, therefore, that there exists in the area a much greater yardage than the 5,000,000 yards mentioned above. So far as is known, no attempt has been made to prospect the property below water level. Of course, considerable importance will attach to the report of Mr. W. Bethune, as the result of his personal visit, also examination and sampling of the ground.

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J. W. GRAY and CO., 130 Sussex-street, Auctioneers and Produce Salesmen.—Advt.

REAL ESTATE.

NOTES OF THE WEEK.

A BIG CITY DEAL.

Although Christmas week, when it was naturally expected that everything would become quiet in the real estate market, it proved to be an exceptionally busy period. The transactions of the week included the largest sale of city property made since the outbreak of the war. The sale was completed yesterday (Christmas Eve) by Messrs. Hardie and Gorman, in conjunction with Messrs. Richardson and Wrench and Raine and Horne. The property is at the corner of George and King streets, and is known as Belfield's Hotel. This property, along with the adjoining shops and the Arcade, was offered at auction a week or two ago, but was passed in without a bid. Yesterday the corner containing the hotel and the whole of the shops in King and George streets, omitting one shop in George-street and the Arcade, was sold for £112,500. Negotiations are proceeding for the sale of the remainder of the estate. The portion sold yesterday has a frontage of 115ft and a few inches to King-street, and 69ft to George-street.

THIS WEEK'S AUCTIONS.

The auctions were few in number this week, but they were, contrary to expectations, most successful. Messrs. Raine and Horne had an exceptionally good sale on Thursday. Out of a catalogue of 10 small properties eight were sold under the hammer. A factory site was disposed of for £2950, another property at Alexandria brought £200, a third £75, a fourth £100, and land in Laurence-street, Alexandria, was then sold at 32/6 per foot. A shop site at Narrabeen brought £5 foot, a week-end site at Curl Curl was sold at 10/ per foot, and the interest in a residuary estate was knocked down, subject to approval, for £106. Privately, the firm sold this week a residence at Coogee for £1250, a residence at Northbridge £750, and also three water-frontage blocks at Tuggerah Lakes.

Batt, Rodd, and Purves, Ltd., held a sale on Monday at the rooms of the association, when a cottage at Manly was sold for £1070, an offer of £1200 was refused for Smith's Orchard at Pennant Hills, also £1100 was offered for a house, Francis-street, city, and £230 for a cottage at Sutherland. During the week the firm sold privately Professor Wood's residence at Sirius Cove, Mosman, for £2350, and a block of land on Kissing Point-road, Turramurra, for £350.

THE YEAR'S WORK.

REVIEW BY LEADING SALESMEN.

SALES OVER £1,000,000 LESS THAN LAST YEAR.

The following review of the year's work in the real estate market by several of the leading firms will be read with interest:—

MESSRS. RICHARDSON AND WRENCH.

The reported sales of real estate during the year 1915 disclose a very considerable shrinkage in volume as compared with the records of last year's operations; but in view of the fact that the depressing effect of the European conflict is acutely felt, even in this distant continent, the total of £2,400,000 must in the circumstances be accepted as very satisfactory.

As compared with the previous year—the latter portion of which only was affected by the war—the total is £1,260,000 less, and a great portion of this difference is made up by the limited amount of city properties which changed hands during the period. This latter form of investment has been prejudicially affected by the increase in taxation, as also by the issue of the Commonwealth war loan temporarily absorbing money which would otherwise have been available for investment in this field. The total business of the year is made up as follows:—City properties, £550,000; suburban properties, £1,586,000; country properties, £245,000.

The company has been instrumental in effecting sales up to a large amount in the above total business of the year, and the letting department reports satisfactory results of its year's operations.

MESSRS. HARDIE AND GORMAN.

The amount of business is at least from one million to one and a half million pounds sterling less than the business conducted in 1914, arising of course from the prolonged war conditions in Europe, drought during a part of the year, increased taxation, large money requirements for war purposes, and fears arising from the state of uncertainty which generally prevails.

The sales are taken from the newspaper accounts as therein reported by a number of city and suburban real estate auctioneers and agents only. It would be more satisfactory if a greater number of reports were made weekly by a large number of agents, who evidently do not desire to report. Prices would be more correctly estimated, and the aggregate of business conducted would be increased.

The transactions are as follows:—

During the first half of the year, about	£1,175,000
During the second half of the year, about	£1,070,000
Dissected as under:—	
City properties	£545,000
Suburban properties	£1,455,000
Country properties	£255,000

The comparison last year (1914) was:—	
City properties	£1,656,000
Suburban properties	£1,890,000
Country properties	£750,000

Our sales for this year have totalled about £300,000.

The building trade has been considerably upset, and it will be found that only about one-half the number of suburban buildings have been erected this year, whilst greatly reduced amounts have been expended upon new buildings and alterations of old premises in the city.

The following are particulars of a number of important sales made during the year:—

Belfield's lease parcel, portion of the Sydney Arcade property, at the corner of George and King streets, for £112,500.

Cafe Francais Hotel, and two properties adjoining, in George-street, for £45,000.

Burdekin Mansions, in Macquarie-street, for £40,000.

Part of Royal Hotel site, in George-street, for £30,000.

Star Hotel, corner of Liverpool and Pitt streets, for £30,000.

Shop premises in George-street, near Hunter-street, for about £30,000.

Five stores at rear of Rickard's-buildings, in Pitt-street, for £17,500.

Argent-chambers, Nos. 19, 19A, and 21 Hunter-street, for £16,500.

Freehold property fronting Macquarie-street North, and Circular Quay, for £16,000.

City property fronting Wynyard-square, for £14,800.

Playgoers' Hotel, in King-street, near Castlereagh-street, for £12,750.

One-third interest in city leasehold, for £8500.

Store premises fronting Macquarie-street and Circular Quay, for £7800.

The letting department has engaged serious attention, rents for shops, offices, stores, and private residences generally have been much lower, and the stubborn fact before us is that there are quite a large number of houses in the suburbs, and a huge lot of offices throughout the city to be let.

The business for next year, as we forecasted for this year, will require a great deal of careful handling. If sales are to be made all round, then vendors must submit to the inevitable by a considerable reduction in prices, and if properties are going to be let, rents must be reduced from one-fourth to one-third on past figures.

Our fear is that throughout the year there has been too much assumption in respect to the little differences between vendors and vendees, and too large hopes have been indulged in against the necessity for reduced values.

It is almost impossible wisely to forecast the future, but having respect to the limitation that must continue on the business in real estate, on the building of properties generally, and having full regard to the increased cost for money, largely helped by the Government requiring money for war purposes, we think it will be better to sell at present prices rather than wait for anticipated realisation at a later date.

THE FINANCIAL SIDE.

Mr. Richard Stanton, of Messrs. Stanton and Son, Ltd., reports for the year just ending, 1915:—"As far as the real estate market is concerned, the business transacted has been remarkably good when all the unfavourable conditions are taken into consideration. The great European war undoubtedly has had a very depressing effect on many property owners, both buyers and sellers, and the drought also had a bad effect on the general tone of the market. Money, on the other hand, has been extremely plentiful, and very large sums have been accumulating month by month in spite of the fact that huge sums have been subscribed to the war loan. The fact of so much money being available would lead one to believe that the property market would be active in consequence, but that has not been the case, and one cannot help but feel that, if the property owner would meet the market and make an attractive investment proposition, the man holding an accumulation of money would be tempted to invest. The sooner this is realised the better for all concerned. Undoubtedly values have been well maintained. Most of the holders argue that it would be bad judgment to unload, as there is no better avenue open at present to give satisfactory returns as real estate. Mortgagees all round are receiving their interest regularly, and there has been almost a total absence of anything in the way of foreclosures on account of the non-payment of interest. There is an unlimited amount of mortgage money now available to lend upon any reasonable proposition put forward, the market rate being as low as 5 per cent. in some exceptional cases, but generally from 5½ to 6 per cent, and as high as 7 per cent. being paid in cases where the proposition is slightly away from the regulation line.

"In the early part of the year my firm carried out a most successful sale of leaseholds at Fairy Bower, Manly, 75 per cent. of the estate being sold on day of sale, representing in value £48,200, which illustrated beyond doubt the high position Manly property holds in the market to-day. This sale was really a record in the shape of leaseholds in suburban transactions.

We have been successful in disposing of a few city properties, and in all cases prices have been highly satisfactory. The bulk of our business this year has been in the disposal of private residential mansions, villas, houses, and cottages, most noted of which is the property known as Quiraing, the residence of the late Hon. John Fraser, situated at Woollahra, realising in the neighbourhood of £25,000.

MESSRS. BATT, RODD, AND PURVES, LTD.

Batt, Rodd, and Purves, Ltd., report, that in spite of the war the business during the latter part of the year was nearly normal. Subdivisions at Manly, Greenwich, Canterbury, and Willoughby were successfully handled, and the prices realised quite as good as those obtained prior to the outbreak of the war.

The firm's operations in the early part of the year were considerably hampered by their leaving the premises they occupied for 40 years, and removing to temporary offices in Castlereagh-street, pending the erection of the new building at 88 Pitt-street, where in their present offices are situated.

The firm was also very unfortunate in losing its two seniors within 12 months. The death of Mr. Batt removed one of the best-known veterans in the real estate business, and the death of Major Purves a few months ago, caused the removal of one of the ablest men in the business.

HOLIDAY SUBDIVISON SALES.

The holiday programme is not a large one this year, but it includes one or two seaside subdivisions which ought to prove attractive to lovers of waterside resorts. The much-sought-after Cronulla will provide a sale on Boxing Day. Messrs. Arthur Rickard and Co. will offer the Beach Park Estate. This should prove to be one of the best seaside subdivisions which Cronulla has offered for many years. The estate consists of 320 blocks, each 50 x 132, and extends from the grounds of the Cronulla Hotel northwards along the fine beach of Bate Bay. It cannot be forgotten also that the new and direct road from Sydney, via Taren Point, reaches Cronulla at the Beach Park Estate. The land also is within 100 yards of the tram. The terms are easy.

Another seaside estate will come under the hammer on New Year's Day, when Messrs. H. W. Horning and Co. will offer deepwater frontages on Pope's Estate, Kangaroo Point, George's River. The subdivision plan shows 23 deepwater frontages, and seven main road lots, and there is also a waterside cottage property. This is splendidly situated land, with wide views of a charming locality, and right opposite Oatley Bay, which brings it within easy distance of the Como Railway Station, or by road via Tom Ugly's Point. The water-frontage lots are from 200 to 400 feet in depth, and mostly 43 feet frontage. On lot 20 is the cottage Kangaroobie, containing four rooms, kitchen, verandah on three sides, wharf, and swimming bath. The terms of purchase have been made easy.

Not until Anniversary Day will the first subdivision of Maisen City, at Yowie Bay, Port Hacking, come under the hammer. Mr. C. H. Crammond will offer this subdivision, about which there has already been a fair amount of inquiry. The first subdivision comprises 125 large lots, facing well-made and accessible roads, some with absolute water frontages, and all with enchanting views that they are almost as valuable as if they fronted the bay, for every lot has access to the water. The land is but three minutes' walk from the train. This is an ideal spot for a week-end cottage, for it has excellent facilities for bathing, boating, and fishing, a combination of health, pleasure, and sport. The terms of purchase have been made exceptionally easy.

Messrs. Raine and Horne have a sale at Tuggerah Lakes on New Year's Day, when the Wallarah Point Estate, consisting of 66 water frontages, will come under the hammer. The land without doubt occupies one of the best positions on the lake, with clean beach frontages, and conveniently situated by motor launch from Wyong. The Tuggerah Lakes are noted as fishing, boating, and prawning centres. It is an ideal seaside holiday resort, with lake and surf bathing. The terms are easy.

On New Year's Day Mr. Arthur Rickard will conduct a sale at Woy Woy, where the Killcare Estate will be sold. This subdivision is north of Pretty Extension Estate, on the neck of a peninsula. On its western side it faces Brisbane Water, while its eastern boundary is within 500 yards of the ocean and the fine surf of Pretty Beach. An excellent ferry service twice a day to Woy Woy is maintained by motor launch. Woy Woy has always been noted for its qualities as a fishing resort. Mr. Rickard has made the terms easy, and there should be a good demand for the land.

Cronulla district will provide another subdivision sale on New Year's Day, when Mr. C. Monro will offer the Kareena Estate. This land fronts the Cronulla tramline on the corner of five main roads, leading to Sutherland, Cronulla, Taren Point, Yowie Bay, and Port Hacking, with a tram stop in front of the estate. The allotments are large, 50ft frontages by 345ft in depth. The estate has a commanding position. Every lot is level, the soil is good, and the views of the water, Illawarra suburbs, and Kurnell in the distance are excellent. On lot 1 is a five-roomed cottage. The terms are easy and the prospects good.

There is to be a sale of the Katoomba Heights Estate on New Year's Day, when Mr. A. Marx will offer 56 elevated and level building allotments on easy terms. Land at Katoomba in subdivision lots is difficult to obtain. It has been all sold, and it is only the odd lot here and there that finds its way into the market.

At Cassilis on December 28 Messrs. S. J. Scully and Co. will offer at auction 707 acres of conditional purchase lease in the Merriwa district. The land is 14 miles from Merriwa, and was taken up in 1906.

One of the early subdivision sales of the new year will take place at Manly, near the golf links, on January 8, when Messrs. Richardson and Wrench will offer the balance of the Golf View Estate, overlooking the links, within easy walking distance of the Ocean Beach and close to the trams on Pittwater-road. On the same occasion the firm will sell in one lot 7½ acres, portion of Wentworth's Manly Vale Estate. This ought to prove an attractive sale, for there is little land to be obtained at Manly.

A big sale on the Mountains has been arranged by Messrs. Piercy Ethell and Co. for Anniversary Day. The land is at Faulconbridge, and the subdivision comprises cottage sites, poultry and bee farm lots, fruitgrowers' blocks, and main road frontages.

SALES OF THE WEEK.

Arthur Rickard and Co., Ltd., report having sold during the past week (ended December 24, 1915) the following by private contract:—Mona Vale, Beech's Estate: Lot 16, sec. F, £37/10/; lot 15, sec. F, £37/10/. Bondi Beach, Bondi Beach Estate: Lot 24, sec. 1, £300. Cronulla, Cronulla Blocks Estate: Lot 10, sec. 1, £85. Bexley, Belgrade Estate: Lots 29, 30, and 32, £165. Bankstown, Wattle Grove Estate: Lots 167 and 168, £55. Beaconsfield Estate: Lot 111, £33. Auburn, Pittsburg Estate: Lot 8, sec. 2, £29/10/. Wentworthville, Wentworthville Farms Estate: Lot 137, £188. Bellevue Hill, Cooper's Estate: Lot 3, sec. C, £208. Woy Woy, Pretty Beach Extension Estate: Lot 145, £27/10/. Ettalong Beach Estate: Lots 303 and 306, £150/6/. Balgowlah, Bonnie View Estate: Lot 23, £33/12/6.

ROSE BAY POST-OFFICE.

The Postmaster-General during the week met a deputation at Rose Bay to discuss the local post-office.

In reply, Mr. Webster said he could not launch out to purchase a permanent home for the post-office at present, but he was considering an offer to provide a post-office in a suitable position, which he might accept. For the present he promised to provide them with a post-office which would meet their needs, both as to location and service.

INSTITUTE OF SURVEYORS.

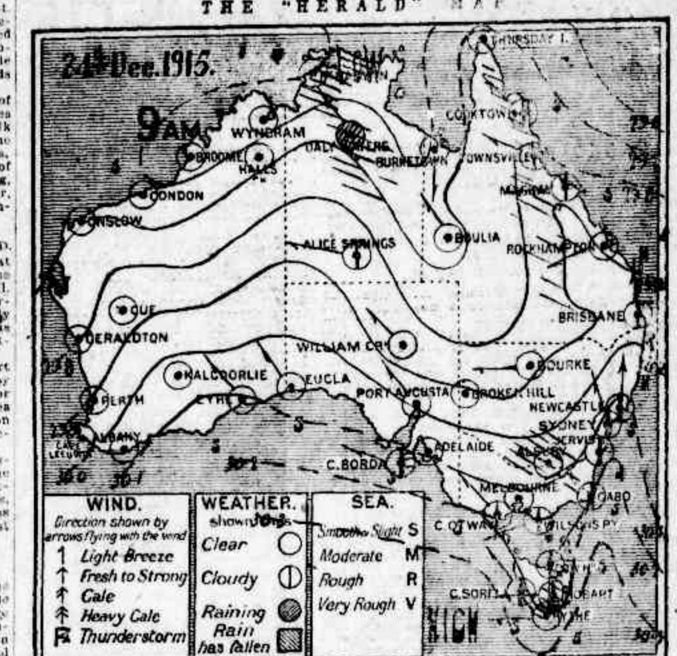
At a special meeting of the Institution of Surveyors, N.S.W., held on Tuesday, under the presidency of Mr. John Weingarth, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mr. John Weingarth; vice-presidents, Messrs. P. W. Hygate and E. K. Cowdery; councillors, Messrs. A. D. Craig, L. A. Curtis, S. R. Dobbie, Fred. Hardy, J. H. Harrison, and V. G. Rush; editor, Mr. J. E. Proust; business manager, Mr. Thos. M'Donough; hon. treasurer, Mr. F. L. Alexander; and hon. secretary, Mr. Wm. A. Chadwick.

NEW RECRUITING SONG.

Messrs. W. H. Paling and Company publish "Our Boys, You Bet," a new recruiting song dedicated to Sid Macdonald, the words and music of which are by Charles W. MacCarthy, M.D. This number is particularly martial and vivacious, the forward movement of an attractive melody being rhythmically kept in view. "Tell them we will come to the rattle of the drum, and the magic of the trumpet's blast" are stirring lines, and the patriotic appeal of "Who kept the Hun every moment on the run? 'Twas our boys, you bet," stirs the blood with the hopes of the coming spring campaign. The song as a whole may be cordially recommended.

AUSTRALIAN WEATHER.

THE "HERALD" MAP.



The well-defined monsoonal disturbance still occupies the eastward half of Australia, but it has lost its violent central area near Port Darwin, after causing heavy rains in the far Northern Territory. Rain of a scattered nature is also commencing in parts of Queensland, and cloudy to threatening weather at various places in New South Wales.

Although the disturbance has lost some of its central steepness, the future prospects are still bright for widespread rains, both in Queensland and over our State. The unsettled weather is slowly maturing, and by early next week should substantially affect New South Wales. Due most to monsoonal influences, light and scattered amounts, with some thunderstorms, have been recorded in southern districts west from the tablelands, but chiefly on the highlands.

The centre of the high pressure still lies to the south of the continent over the Southern Ocean.

Within the next few days sultry, unsettled weather, with fairly general rains and thunder, are expected—good falls in the aggregate. Squally north-east to south-east winds.

Ocean Forecast.—Gales east from Cambridge Gulf.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

Commonwealth Weather Bureau, Friday.

SYDNEY RAINFALL.

Average annual for 50 years, 4850 points.

Average for 57 years, from January 1 to end of November, 4582 points.

Total from January 1, 1915, to date, 3455 points.

Total for corresponding period of 1914, 3220 points.

Barometer, 9 a.m., 30.154; 3 p.m., 30.141; 9 p.m., 30.174.

Temperature, 9 a.m., 67.2; 3 p.m., 71.2; 9 p.m., 64.9; maximum, 72.7; minimum, 55.8.

Humidity, 9 a.m., 63 per cent.; 3 p.m., 59 per cent.; 9 p.m., 65 per cent.

Wind, greatest velocity 12 miles, from the E.S.E., at 3 p.m.

TEMPERATURES.

(For the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m.)

Adelaide, 85 max., 55 min.; Melbourne, 70, 57; Brisbane, 82, 63; Sydney, 68.2, 55.8; Hobart, 62, 52.

BAROMETERS AT 9 A.M.

Esperance Bay, 30.11; Eucla, 30.07; Streaky Bay, 30.16; Adelaide, 30.14; Robe, 30.14; Portland, 30.23; Melbourne, 30.15; Wilson's Promontory, 30.20; Gabo Island, 30.17; Cape St. George, 30.13; Sydney, 30.15; Newcastle, 30.14; Port Macquarie, 30.11; Brisbane, 30.02; Rockhampton, 29.93; Mackay, 29.89; Cooktown, 29.81.

RAINFALL REGISTRATIONS.

New South Wales (for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m.).—Adelong 25 points, Araluen 7, Braidwood 17, Bungendore 10, Burrowa 5, Coolamon 6, Cooma 63, Cootamundra 3, Delegate 27, Goulburn 1, Gundagai 25, Jindabyne 24, Junee 10, Kiandra 37, Nimitybelle 32, Manning Heads 2, Murrumburrah 8, Nimitybelle 10, Port Macquarie 23, Tumut 18, Tenora 4, Tumbarumba 2, Tumut 28, Wagga Wagga 11, Young 4.

RIVER REPORTS.

The heights above summer level of the inland rivers at 9 a.m. on Friday were as follow:—Albury, 2ft 5in; Angledool, 1; Balranald, 4ft 10in; Bingara, 1ft; Boggabilla, 1ft; Bourke, 1; Brewarrina, 1ft 2in; Collarenebri, 1; Cowra, 1ft 7in; Euabalong, 2ft 2in; Euston, 12ft 9in; Goodooga, 1; Gundagai, 2ft 8in; Gunnedah, 2ft; Hillston, 2ft 9in; Louth, 1; Menindie, 1ft 6in; Mogil Mogil, 1; Moulamein, 4ft; Narrandera, 10ft 4in; Pooncarie, 1; Tilpa, 1; Tamworth, 1; Tocumwal, 4ft 6in; Wagga Wagga, 3ft 7in; Wentworth, 9ft 1in; Wilcannia, 1ft 11in; Yetman, 1; Barwon River, at Walgett, 5ft 5in; Namoi River, at Walgett, 6ft 2in. Note.—R, rising; f, falling; s, stationary; l, low.

COASTAL REPORTS AT 9 P.M.

Tweed Heads, S, fresh, cloudy, bar rather rough; Byron Bay, S, light, fine, sea slight; Ballina, SE, moderate, cloudy, sea moderate; Clarence Heads, E, moderate, cloudy, sea slight; South Solitary, SE, light, cloudy, sea moderate; Bellinger Heads, SE, moderate, cloudy, bar moderate; Nambucca Heads, SW, light, cloudy, sea moderate; Port Macquarie, SE, moderate, cloudy, sea smooth; Manning Heads, SE, moderate, fine, sea moderate; Seal Rocks, SE, light, fine, sea slight; Port Stephens, E, cloudy, sea slight; Newcastle, S, light, cloudy, sea smooth; Lake Macquarie Heads, S, light, cloudy, sea moderate; Catherine Hill Bay, S, light, cloudy, sea moderate; Barranjoey, E, light, fine, sea slight; South Head, ESE, light, fine, sea slight; Crookhaven Heads, ESE, light, fine, sea smooth; Jervis Bay, NE, light, cloudy, sea smooth; Ulladulla, NE, light, fine, sea smooth; Bateman's Bay, NE, light, fine, sea moderate; Moruya, NE, light, fine, sea smooth; Eden, NE, light, cloudy, sea slight; Green Cape, NE, light, cloudy, sea slight; Gabo Island, NE, moderate, cloudy, sea slight.

FORECAST FOR N.S.W. AT 9 P.M.

Sultry and unsettled weather setting in over inland districts, and extending generally over the State, with some good rains and thunder; squally NE to SE winds.

INTERSTATE FORECASTS AT 9 A.M.

Victoria.—Fine, with rising temperatures and south-east to north-east winds; sultry and thundery later, chiefly in the north-east.

Queensland.—Sultry and unsettled, with more rain and thunderstorms fairly generally. South-east to north-east winds. Gales in the Gulf.

South Australia.—Fine, with south-east to north-east winds, and gradually rising temperatures. More rain in upper territory.

Western Australia.—Data incomplete.

Tasmania.—Fine, with rising temperatures, and south-east to north-east winds.

INTERSTATE RAINFALL REGISTRATIONS.

(For the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m.)

South Australia.—Darwin 125 points, Katherine 418, Daly Waters 10.

Queensland.—Cooktown 4 points, Winton 35, Longreach 1, Taroom 7, Hughenden 122, Portland 100, Manfred 200, Tarents Creek 75, Innisfail 21, Ingham 2, Ravenswood 49, Alpha 7, Blackwall 134, Mutta Burra 75, Aramac 49, Barcaldine 8, Isisford 35, Lochnagar 67, Jericho 68, St. George 2, Durundandi 25, Adavale 23, Augathella 98.

Victoria.—Omeo 12 points.

Tasmania.—Hobart 1 point, Springs 2, Launceston 12, Eddystone 1, Swansea 1.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR DEC. 25.

Sydney Observatory, Friday.

Sun rises at 4.42, sets at 7.7; Moon, 9.28 p.m., 7.38 a.m.; Mercury, 5.1 a.m., 7.21 p.m.; Venus, 3.40 a.m., 5.52 p.m.; Mars, 10.31 p.m., 9.19 a.m.; Jupiter, 10.30 a.m., 11.29 p.m.; Saturn, 7.42 p.m., 5.49 a.m.

High water at Fort Denison at 10.23 a.m., 11.5 p.m.

New Moon, January 5 at 2.45 p.m.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—Dec. 24.

Matunga, s, 3618 tons, Captain McInnes, from Rabaul. Passengers: Mesdames Brierly and Pearson; Lieut. Brierly, Messrs. Cogswell, Lauri, Rev. Cox, Pearson, Bromwell, Shanks, Tilley, Shaw, Hays, and Mr. and Miss Hanari (Japanese). Burns, Philp, and Co., Ltd., agents.

Morinda, s, 1971 tons, Captain Hillman, from Rabaul, via ports. Burns, Philp, and Co., Ltd., agents.

Canberra, s, 7707 tons, Captain Douton, from Melbourne. Howard Smith, Ltd., agents.

Collard, s, 2244 tons, Captain Carlsen, from Kaipara. G. D. Pike and Co., agents.

Bombala, s, 3540 tons, Captain Hurford, from Queensland ports. Howard Smith, Ltd., agents.

Daniel, bq, 229 tons, Captain Whitton, from Wanganui. Union S. and C. Co., agents.

Karuma, s, 2385 tons, Captain Porkis, from Durban, via Melbourne. W. Crosby and Co., agents.

Tambo, s, 732 tons, Captain Robinson, from Newcastle. Burns, Philp, and Co., Ltd., agents.

COASTWISE.—Bondah, s, from Richmond River; Noorebar, s, from Coff's Harbour; Belmore, s, from Bellinger River; Macquarie, s, from Port Macquarie; Electra, s, from Port Stephens; Narooi, s, Alice, s, Hunter, s, Myrtle, s, Lubra, s, Rockliffy, s, from Newcastle; Burra, s, from Catherine Hill Bay; Godera, s, from Hawkesbury River; Dorrigo, s, Coolcon, s, Kallatina, s, Kincheia, s, Gunbar, s, Bellowrie, s, from North Coast; Corrimal, s, Sphere, s, from Bulli; Marjorie, s, from Bellambi; Palmerston, s, from Wollongbar; Bodalla, s, from Port Kembla; Kiama, s, The Bat, s, from Kiama.

DEPARTURES.—Dec. 24.

Marie, bq, for San Francisco.

Palma, s, for London, via ports.

Sonney, s, for Melbourne and Tasmanian ports, via Eden.

Evangeline, aux. sch, for Tulagi, Solomon Islands.

Grantala, s, for Durban, via Fremantle.

Zealandia, s, for Melbourne, Adelaide, and W.A. ports.

Innamincka, s, for Cairns, via ports.

Mabel Gale, sch, for San Francisco, via Levuka.

Mallina, s, for Queensland ports.

Hitachi Maru, J.M.S., for Japan, via ports.

Changsha, s, for Hongkong, via ports.

Maloja, R.M.S., for London, via ports.

Port Hunter, s, for Boston and New York.

Moriatta, s, for Melbourne.

Pacifique, F.M.S., for Noumea and New Hebrides.

Clan Macarthur, s, for Marseilles.

Wairuna, s, for Vancouver, via Suva.

South Africa, s, for Capetown, via Melbourne.

Nardoo, s, for Brisbane.

Coolgardie, s, for San Francisco.

Canberra, s, for Townsville, via ports.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—Dec. 25.

Wongala, s, for Clarence River; Newcastle, s, for Newcastle.

STEAMERS DUE TO-DAY.

City of Norwich, from Glasgow, via ports.

Ohra, from Calcutta, via ports.

CLEARANCES.—Dec. 24.

Hitachi Maru, J.M.S., 6716 tons, Captain Tominage, for Manila, Hongkong, and Japan, via ports.

South Africa, s, 1841 tons, Captain Strachan, for Capetown, via Melbourne.

Pacifique, F.M.S., 1888 tons, Captain Charvin, for Noumea and New Hebrides.

Port Hunter, s, 4062 tons, Captain McQueen, for Boston, via Melbourne.

Zealandia, s, 6930 tons, Captain Sheriff, for Melbourne, Adelaide, and Fremantle.

Bombala, s, 3540 tons, Captain Hurford, for Melbourne.

Wairuna, s, 3947 tons, Captain Hammond, for Vancouver, via Suva.

Canberra, s, 7707 tons, Captain Douton, for Townsville, via ports.

Mallina, s, 3211 tons, Captain Upward, for Queensland ports.

Mokau, s, 194 tons, Captain Jeffensen, for Brisbane.

Changsha, s, 2269 tons, Captain Gambrill, for Manila and Hongkong, via ports.

Maloja, R.M.S., 12,431 tons, Captain Irving, for London, via ports.

Aldenham, s, 2862 tons, Captain M'Arthur, for Melbourne (continuation of voyage).

The steamer Chillagoe passed South Head yesterday, at 4.37 p.m., proceeding south.

Daniel, bqtne, arrived from Wanganui yesterday with 200,000ft of white pine.

The steamer Odland, which arrived from Kaipara yesterday, brought 870,000ft of timber.

NEWCASTLE CLEARANCES.

NEWCASTLE, Friday.

The following vessels were cleared at the Customhouse to-day:—Tambo, s, for Marshall Islands, via Sydney; Koonya, s, for Strahan; Malachite, s, for Rockhampton; Barwon, s, for Melbourne; Tarcoola, s, for Port Pirie; Kadina, s, for Fremantle, via Albany.

MOVEMENTS OF OVERSEA VESSELS.

Empire, s (E. and A. line), sailed from Hongkong on Thursday last, en route from Australian ports to Shanghai and Japan.

THEMIS DUE WEDNESDAY.

The steamer Themis is expected to arrive here on Wednesday next, from New York, and will proceed direct to the Vacuum Oil Company's wharf at Knight Point. After discharging cargo there she will be berthed at No. 9 wharf, Woolloomooloo Bay, where the balance of her cargo will be put out.

FRESH CHARTERS.

Mabel Gale, 4-m sch, 618 tons, Levuka to San Francisco—copra.

STEAMER SAINT LOUIS.

R. Towns and Co. have been advised by cable from Noumea that the steamer Saint Louis left Ouinia, N.C., for Sydney at 4 a.m. on Thursday, having on board 500 tons chrome ore, 275 tons preserved meats, and general cargo. She will leave Sydney again for Noumea on January 7, taking general cargo.

BAR HARBOURS.—Dec. 24.

Yamba, bar 15ft high water, crossing 14ft 9in, rise 3ft 6in; Southwest Rocks, bar 7ft 6in, low water; Camden Haven Heads, bar 10ft 9in, crossing 8ft 9in, rise 4ft 5in; Port Macquarie, bar 8ft, high water; Tweed Heads, bar rough, crossing 12ft 4in, rise 4ft 3in.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING.

TWEED HEADS (524m).—Dec. 24, Ajana, s, 8.30 a.m., Ballina.

BYRON BAY (485m).—Dep: Dec. 24, Wollongbar, s, 12.30 p.m., for Sydney. Passed: Dec. 24, Canadian Transport, s, 10.15 a.m., south.

RICHMOND RIVER HEADS (331m).—Arr: Dec. 24, Kindabeeda, s, 7.45 a.m.; Seagull, s, 7.50 a.m.; Cumbalara, s, 8 a.m. Dep: Dec. 24, Kincumber, s, 10.9 a.m.; Tay L, s, 10.45 a.m. Passed: Dec. 24, large tug, 9 a.m., south.

CLARENCE RIVER (298m).—Dep: Dec. 21, Pulganbar, s, 7 a.m., for Sydney. Passed: Dec. 21, Tay L, s, 2.40 p.m.; Tuncurran, s, 2.40 p.m.; Howard Smith Co. cargo str, at 3 p.m., south.

NAMBUCCA HEADS (253m).—Arr: Dec. 23, Nerong, s, 7.50 p.m., from Sydney.

SOUTH WEST ROCKS (209m).—Dep: Dec. 24, Yulgilbar, s, 10 a.m. Passed: Dec. 24, Wollongbar, s, 6 p.m., south.

SMOKY CAPE (205m).—Passed: Dec. 24, Coolebar, s, 7.20 a.m., north; Asrral, s, 3.15 p.m., south.

TACKING POINT (166m).—Passed: Dec. 24, Durambah, s, 10 a.m., north; Pulganbar, s, 4.25 p.m., south.

CROWDY HEAD (147m).—Passed: Dec. 24, large str, black funnel, 4.45 p.m., Tambar, s, 5.30 p.m., north; Yulgilbar, s, 4.45 p.m., south.

MANNING HEADS (144m).—Arr: Dec. 24, Malanbar, s, 5.30 a.m. Dep: Dec. 24, Boambee, s, 10 a.m.

CAPE HAWKE (122m).—Dep: Dec. 24, Tuncurry, s, 11.30 a.m.

SEAL ROCKS (100m).—Passed: Dec. 24, dredge (in tow), 1.50 p.m., P. and O. cargo str, 2.30 p.m., north; Boambee, s, 2.55 p.m., a ketch, 4.40 p.m., south.

PORT STEPHENS (80m).—Passed: Dec. 24, Shannon, sch, 9.20 a.m., Coombar, s, 11.50 a.m., Poonbar, s, 1 p.m., Tuncurry, s, 4.20 p.m., Boambee, s, 3.45 p.m., Yulgilbar, s, 9.15 p.m., south; Malachite, s, 6 p.m., Orara, s, 9.15 p.m., north; a barque, ENE 20 miles, at 7 p.m.

NEWCASTLE (62m).—Arr: Dec. 24, Karori, s, from Melbourne; Marrea, s, Tambar, s, Anvil, launch, Malachite, s, Newcastle, s, Helen Nicoll, s, Vigilant, bg, from Sydney; Noorebar, s, from Coff's Harbour; Cookinbat, s, from the Tweed. Dep: Dec. 24, C. A. Thayer, sch, for Bristol Bay and Alaska, via San Francisco; Talus, s, for San Francisco; Kooyong, s, for Adelaide; Chillagoe, s, Moorabool, s, Age, s, for Melbourne; Katoa, s, for Auckland; Koonya, s, for Strahan; Ings, s, for Wanganui; Barwon, s, for Melbourne; Malachite, s, for Rockhampton; Rockliffy, s, Murray, s, Noorebar, s, Tambo, s, for Sydney; Tambar, s, for the Macleay; Coolcon, s, for Coff's Harbour.

WOLLONGONG (44m).—Arr: Dec. 24, Sphere, s, 5 a.m., Hega, s, noon, Pateora, s, 2 p.m.

CROOKHAVEN HEADS (74m).—Arr: Dec. 24, Bermagui, s, from Wagonga.

BATEMAN'S BAY (124m).—Dep: Dec. 24, Wee Clyde, s, 7.30 a.m.

MORUYA HEADS (141m).—Arr: Dec. 24, Bengandra, s, 7.20 a.m., from Sydney.

BERMAGUI (168m).—Dep: Dec. 24, Merimbula, s, 2.30 p.m., for Tathra.

GREEN CAPE (218m).—Passed: Dec. 24, General G. Pesquelin, s, 10.15 a.m., Holt Co.'s str, 1.30 p.m., north; Port Kembla, s, 8.15 a.m., like Holt Co.'s str, 9.35 a.m., south.

GABO (228m).—Passed: Dec. 24, Perind, s, 1.50 a.m., Canara, s, 5.30 a.m., Winfield, s, 6.17 a.m., str, yellow funnel, black top, 10.50 a.m., Achilles, s, 11.30 a.m., west.

LOW HEAD (509m).—Arr: Dec. 24, Toroa, s, 7.11 a.m., from Straits Island.

HOBART (646m).—Arr: Dec. 24, Lilaten, ktch, 1.45 p.m., from Melbourne. Dep: Dec. 24, Moeraki, s, 3.10 p.m., for Sydney.

MACQUARIE HEADS.—Dep: Dec. 24, Wainui, s, 12.35 p.m., for Melbourne.

ADELAIDE (1084m).—Arr: Dec. 24, Omrah, R.M.S., from Melbourne; Poona, s, from London; William H. Marston, 5-m sch, from Columbia River. Dep: Dec. 24, Koonda, s, Carawa, s, for Melbourne; Dunboola, s, for Fremantle; Ormara, s, for Calcutta; Omrah, R.M.S., for London.

NEW ZEALAND SHIPPING.

WELLINGTON (1230m).—Dep: Dec. 24, Manuka, s, for Sydney.

THE MAILS.

MONDAY.

Egypt (Expeditionary Forces).—R.M.S. Maloja, noon. Durban and Capetown, via Adelaide.—Cakmoor, noon. Eden, etc., and Montague Island.—Merimbula, 8 a.m.

THE UNIVERSITY.

The following results of examinations have been issued:—

MEDICINE.

Third Degree Deferred Examination.—Pass (alphabetical): Laira P. Asher-Smith, T. L. Cooney, H. B. Crowe, E. A. Elliott, W. J. Ferguson, E. W. Fitzpatrick, M. Frizell, G. E. Hobson, J. H. Hornbrook, W. F. D. La Touche, G. C. Walker.

DENTISTRY.

Second Year Examination.—Pass (alphabetical): R. Bandley, G. R. Dent, L. R. Firth.

Third Year Examination.—Pass (alphabetical): J. V. Best, G. E. Newcombe, K. G. Sims.

Fourth Year Examination.—Pass (alphabetical): A. O. Barkley, B. M. Grosse, L. Pudney.

Honour Lists.—Mechanical Dentistry.—High distinction: L. Pudney. Distinction: A. O. Barkley, B. M. Grosse. Clinical Dentistry: L. Pudney. Credit: A. O. Barkley, B. M. Grosse. Surgical Dentistry.—High distinction: L. Pudney. Distinction: B. M. Grosse. Credit: A. O. Barkley.

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CHRISTMAS EVE AT THE BASE HOSPITAL.



ONE OF THE WARDS DECORATED FOR OUR WOUNDED SOLDIERS.

CASUALTIES.

49 MORE KILLED.

127th LIST.

In the 127th list of casualties of losses sustained by the Australian troops at the Dardanelles, which was issued last night, there appeared the names of two officers and 47 men killed in action. One officer and ten more men have died of wounds, and nine men have died of illness.

Three officers and 86 more men have been wounded, and fresh cases of sickness total 328, including five officers. One officer and 42 more men are missing.

B., battalion; R., reinforcements.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

KILLED IN ACTION.

Pte. H. JOHNSTONE, 2 B., 2 R., Merewether (previously reported wounded).
Pte. W. WARREN, 2 B., 6 R., England (previously reported missing).
Pte. A. J. McPHERSON, 2 B., 6 R., Yetman (previously reported wounded).
Pte. C. W. LAMBERT, 2 L.H. (late 12 L.H.), Lochinvar.
Pte. G. H. WALLER, 2 L.H. (late 12 L.H.), Narrandera.
Pte. T. W. BUCK, 2 L.H. (late 12 L.H.), England.
Pte. A. G. CHAPMAN, 1 B., Redfern (previously reported wounded, second occasion).
Pte. A. G. DAVIS, 1 B., 1 R., Monaro.
Pte. H. W. LEWIS, 1 B., 5 R., Woodhouse (previously reported wounded).
Pte. W. NEVILLE, 2 B., 8 R., Molong.
Pte. G. A. HOGARTH, 2 B., 6 R., N. Sydney.
W.O. W. E. TRELEASE, 3 B., 1 R., Leichhardt.
Pte. R. O. HARWOOD, 3 B., 7 R., Wickham.
Pte. J. D. BLANCH, 3 B., 7 R., Coff's Harbour.
Pte. E. WEST, 7 L.H. (late 12 L.H.), England.
Sapp. E. H. GORHAM, 1 Fld. Coy. Engrs., 5 R., England (previously reported wounded).
Pte. C. HAYES, 3 B., 5 R., Five Dock (previously reported wounded).
Lce.-cpl. L. BELL, 4 B., England (previously reported wounded).
Lce.-cpl. L. CORMICK, 4 B., Ashfield (previously reported missing).
Sgt. H. GRIFFITHS, 4 B., Sydney (previously reported died of wounds).

DIED OF WOUNDS.

Pte. W. LONERGAN, 4 B., 8 R., Wyalong.
Pte. P. RYAN, 4 B., 8 R., Galong.
Pte. A. G. THAYNE, 19 B., 3 R., Katoomba.

DIED OF ILLNESS.

Pte. D. McKINNON, 2 L.H., 3 R., S. Woodburn.
Pte. H. B. EVERILL, 18 B., late 20 B., 3 R., Darlinghurst.
Gnr. O. E. RUDDER, 17 Div Am. Park (301st A.S.C.), South Africa.

WOUNDED AND MISSING.

Pte. C. W. MORRIS, 3 B., Gosford (severely).
Pte. J. M. WILSON, 1 B., 3 R., England.

SEVERELY WOUNDED.

Sgt. H. B. BROWN, 1st Div. Hqtrs. (late 11th A.S.C.), Granville (21 G. H. Alexandria).
Pte. J. P. CULLEN, 3 B., Sydney (15th G. H., Alexandria, previously reported ill).
Pte. J. SEAGE, 13 B., 6 R., Burraga (15th G. H., Alexandria).

WOUNDED.

Lieut. W. S. TRELOAR, 4 B., Ryde.
Lieut. P. GRIFFITHS, 1 B. (late 6 L.H.), Killara (remained on duty).
Pte. B. F. CHARET, 3 B., 7 R., Mosman.
Pte. A. WASLIN, 7 L.H., 5 R., England.
Pte. S. LEER, 1 Div Hdqtrs. (late 1 B., 8 R.), Rockdale.
Pte. B. A. BAKER, 1 L.H., 10 R., Campsie.
Pte. G. R. HICKS, 1 L.H., 11 R., Tinonee.
Pte. W. E. COMMONS, 1 L.H., 9 R., Delegate.
Pte. N. H. OSBAND, 1 B., 6 R., Lavington (second occasion).
Sgt. R. HANDLEY, 1 Bty. F.A., Glebe (apparently second occasion, severe), in 15th G. H., Alexandria.
Pte. E. E. P. WALTERS, 6 L.H., 7 R., Yarramalong.
Pte. N. DIGBY, 6 L.H., 5 R., Belmore.
Pte. W. J. BOOTH, 6 L.H., 6 R., Marrickville.
Pte. A. PRITCHARD, 6 L.H. (late 12 L.H.), 1 R., Parkes (2nd occasion).
Sgt. P. J. DOYLE, 6 L.H., 5 R., Ireland.
Pte. W. P. QUINN, 6 L.H., 7 R., W. Wyalong (1st A.G. Hosp., Heliopolis).
Pte. D. A. ROBERTSON, 2 B., 7 R., Cootamundra.
Sgt. J. P. FORD, 1 F.A. Bde., Amm. Col., Paddington.
Pte. H. POCOCK, 19 B., 2 R., Rose Bay (Greek H., Alexandria).
Pte. N. W. WHITWELL, 19 B., Rockdale (Greek H., Alexandria).
Pte. W. L. TRENERY, 19 B., Manilla.
Pte. H. Y. ROBSON, 19 B., 1 R., England (1st A.G.H., Heliopolis).
Pte. G. E. WATT, 13 B., Canada (and dangerously ill in 15th G.H., Alexandria).
L.-Cpl. G. G. WOODFORD, 4 B., Inverell (previously reported injured).
Sgt. J. HERBERT, 4 B., South Africa.
Pte. W. J. THOMAS, 2 L.H. Bde. Train (6th A.S.C.), Sydney.
L.-Cpl. A. J. LOVE, 2 L.H. Bde. Train (6th A.S.C.), Manly.
Dvr. E. R. HUNT, 5 Inf. Bde. Trn. (15th A.S.C.), England (and dangerously ill; previously reported severely injured).

RETURNED TO DUTY.

Lieut. E. R. RALSTON, 1st L.H. (late 12 L.H.), Strathfield.
Pte. R. JONES, 4 B. (late 6 B., 6 R.), W. Wallsend (Liverpool Camp).
Pte. O. CROWLEY, 18 B., 2 R., W. Wyalong.

DOING LIGHT DUTY, WEYMOUTH.

Lieut. G. W. CLARK, 4 B., Bronte.

DANGEROUSLY ILL.

Lieut. G. D. D. Macarthur, 13 B., Sydney (2nd A. G. Hospital, Ghezireh).
Pte. G. Delderick, 1 L.H., 6 R., Ashfield.
L.-cpl. P. WEATHERILT, 1 F. C. Engrs., England.
Pte. W. J. Goode, 1 B., 7 R., Tichborne (previously reported wounded).
Pte. B. L. BOWAN, 4 B., England (previously reported wounded).

SERIOUSLY ILL.

Sgt. C. OCHILTREE, 7 L.H., Newcastle (2nd A. G. Hospital, Ghezireh).
Sgt. C. E. CLARKE, 20 B., Neutral Bay (2nd A.G.H., Ghezireh).
Dvr. J. CADBY, 2 L.H.B. Train, 6th A.S.C., Zeehan (2nd A. G. Hospital, Ghezireh).

ILL IN HOSPITAL.

Lieut. R. F. H. GREEN, 6 L.H., Boolaroo (at London).
Sec. Lieut. A. J. CRUISE, 1 B., St. Kilda (Malta).
Pte. T. HOBSON, 1 L.H., 4 R., Chippendale (Netley).
Pte. J. CARMODY, 7 L.H., 8 R., Toowong, Q (Greek Hosp., Alexandria).
Gnr. G. C. SMITHSON, 7 B.F.A., Marrickville (Epsom).
Sgt. J. McLEOD, 1 L.F.B., H.Q., Summer Hill (3rd Aux. Hosp., Heliopolis).
Pte. J. RANKIN, 8 B., 7 R. (late 1 B., 3rd R.), Scotland (3rd Aux. Hosp., Heliopolis).
Sapp. A. O'SULLIVAN, 1 Fld. Co., Engrs., Newtown (Epsom).
Sapp. T. McKIE, 1 Fld. Co. Engrs., 6 R., Scotland (Epsom).
Sapp. W. F. KERTEGAST, 2nd Fld. Co. Engrs., New Zealand (Epsom).
Sapp. J. STANLEY, 4 Fld. Co. Engrs. (late 18 B.), England (3rd Aux. Hospital, Heliopolis).
Sapp. T. J. CAHILL, 4 Fld. Co. Engrs (late 17 B.), Marrickville (3rd Aux. Hospital, Heliopolis).
Sapp. E. HILLSTON, 4 Fld. Co. Engrs. (late 18 B.), Belmore (3rd Aux. Hospital, Heliopolis, previously reported wounded).
Pte. F. COOKSON, 17 B., England (Birmingham).
Pte. T. W. FIELD, 17 B., Willoughby (Birmingham).
Pte. H. W. NOBLE, 17 B., Moombooldool (Greek Hospital, Alexandria).
Pte. S. ROSS, 18 B., 3 R., Camperdown (3rd Aux. Hospital, Heliopolis).
Pte. W. WILSON, 19 B., England (Epsom).
Pte. H. P. WOOLCOTT, 18 B., Sydney (Epsom, previously reported wounded).
Pte. P. TURLEY, 18 B., New Zealand (second occasion, Epsom).
L.-Cpl. H. V. A. WHELLER, 18 B., Bega (Birmingham).
Pte. E. ARMSTRONG, 18 B., New Zealand (Greek Hospital, Alexandria).
Cpl. V. L. FAVELLE, 18 B., Concord (Epsom).
Pte. A. HOCKINS, 19 B., Bathurst (seriously ill in Netley Hospital, previously reported ill).
Pte. A. A. HUNTER, 20 B., 1 R., Ultimo (3rd Aux. Hospital, Heliopolis).
L.-Cpl. G. E. T. DAVIS, 20 B., Kogarah (3rd Aux. Hospital, Heliopolis).
Pte. C. ROLLANS, 20 B., 2 R., Leichhardt (Greek Hospital, Alexandria).
Pte. S. L. SIMPSON, Div. Train, 2 A.S.C., Petersham (Epsom).
Pte. C. S. CAESAR, 17 B., 3 R., Annandale (2nd A.G.H., Ghezireh).
Pte. W. A. McEACHERN, 17 B., Thurgoona (3rd Aux. Hos., Heliopolis).
Pte. E. DAY, 17 B., Auburn (3rd Aux. Hos., Heliopolis).
Pte. G. H. GALLOGLY, 17 B., 2 R., Gulgong (3rd Aux. Hos., Heliopolis).
Pte. J. APPEL, 13 B., 8 R., Darlinghurst (3rd Aux. Hos., Heliopolis).
Pte. A. KENNEDY, 13 B., 8 R., Miller's Forest (3rd Aux. Hos., Heliopolis).
Q.M.-sgt. L. N. SCHOLFIELD, 13 B., 8 R., Haberfield (3rd Aux. Hos., Heliopolis).
Pte. A. MOLL, 13 B., 4 R., Barraba (previously reported wounded).
Pte. A. C. WARD, 13 B., 3 R., Hurlstone Park (Epsom, previously reported wounded).
Pte. H. W. SMITH, 13 B., England (Epsom).
Pte. A. WHITE, 13 B., 6 R., England (Epsom).
Pte. C. A. M. USSHER, 13 B., 4 R., Neutral Bay (Epsom).
Pte. H. S. DUNLOP, 13 B., 8 R., Croydon Park (Greek Hosp., Alexandria).
Cpl. W. J. CASHMAN, 13 B., Paddington (Netley, previously reported wounded).
Pte. W. H. CAWTE, 13 B., England (Netley).
Pte. R. DAVIS, 3 B., 7 R., England (3rd Aux. Hospital, Heliopolis).
Pte. H. PALMER, 3 B., 5 R., England (3rd Aux. Hospital, Heliopolis).
L.-cpl. C. L. RUTTER, 3 B., 8 R., Manilla (3rd Aux. Hospital, Heliopolis).
Pte. F. LAX, 3 B., 7 R., Maroubra (3rd Aux. Hospital, Heliopolis).
Pte. L. C. PARMENTER, 3 B., Rosevale (Epsom).
Pte. B. M. NEWTON, 3 B., Manly (Epsom, previously reported wounded).
Pte. G. DAHLSTROM, 3 B., Woonona (Epsom).
Pte. V. J. CLARKE, 3 B., 8 R., Leichhardt (Epsom).
Pte. N. A. WILSON, 4 B., Kogarah (Epsom, previously reported wounded).
Pte. G. A. GOODHEW, 4 B., 6 R., Newtown (Epsom).
Pte. F. GARTUNG, 4 B., Galston (Epsom).
Pte. S. HUMPHREYS, 8 B., 7 R., late 1 B., St. Peters (3rd Aux. Hospital, Heliopolis).
Pte. A. E. BELL, Rail. Supp., Detch, Bendick, 11 A.S.C. (Birmingham).
Pte. J. O'DONNELL, 1 B., 8 R., Bexley (3rd Aux. Hospital, Heliopolis).
Pte. L. WOLOHAN, 1 B., Ireland (3rd Aux. Hospital, Heliopolis, previously reported wounded).
Pte. F. H. JONES, 1 B., 7 R., England (3rd Aux. Hospital, Heliopolis).
Pte. J. McGILLIVRAY, 1 B., Newtown (Epsom, previously reported wounded).
Pte. J. MOLLOY, 1 B., 5 R., England (Epsom, previously reported wounded).
Pte. J. P. RYAN, 1 B., 7 R., Korong Vale (V.) (Greek Hospital, Alexandria).
L.-cpl. K. SCHNEIDER, 1 B., Balmain (Netley).
Pte. J. S. MOORE, 1 B., Waverley (Netley, previously reported wounded).
Pte. D. McDONALD, 1 B., Scotland (Netley).
Pte. T. MOONEY, 1 B., 2 R., Ireland (Netley).
Pte. J. R. CURTIS, 1 B., 8 R., Glen Innes (Epsom).
Pte. W. WALSH, 2 B., England (Epsom, previously reported wounded).
Pte. J. NEWMAN, 2 B., Miepell (V.), (Epsom).
Cpl. R. W. BAKER, 1 Fld. Amb., Kogarah (Epsom).
Pte. L. F. S. GILLETT, 1 Fld. Amb., Engowra (Epsom).
Pte. P. A. SWANN, 1 Fld. Amb., England (Netley).
Q.M.S. W. WOOD, 5 Fld. Amb., New Zealand (3rd Aux. Hospital, Heliopolis).
Pte. A. R. MILTON, 5 Fld. Amb., England (Bristol).
Pte. J. N. CLIFTON, 3 Gen. Hosp., North Sydney (Epsom).
Pte. H. T. REYNOLDS, 3 Gen. Hosp., Mosman (Epsom).
Pte. F. H. WRAY, 3 Gen. Hosp., Fullerton Estate, S.A. (Epsom).
Pte. R. G. GALE, 3 Gen. Hosp., Randwick (Netley).
Pte. C. S. KELLY, 1 L.H., Cootamundra (Malta, prev. rep. wounded).
Pte. J. B. RICHARD, 12 L.H., late 1 L.H., Fld. Amb. H'quarters, Geelong (Malta).
Dvr. A. E. SIMPSON, 6 L.H., Hay (London).
Pte. H. GAYNOR, 7 L.H., 7 R., Collarenebri (London).
Pte. V. C. GRIFFIN, 3 B., 8 R., Stanwell Park (London).
Sgt. P. C. FORD, 1 L.H., Fld. Amb., 5 R., Forbes (London).
R.S.M. T. HAWORTH, 4 B., England (Netley, previously reported wounded, second occasion).

PROGRESS REPORT.

Capt. F. W. SHEPHERD, 20 B., Bathurst (steady improvement).
Pte. L. O. WHITE, 20 B., S. Bankstown (favourable).
Pte. J. PAYNE, 20 B., 1 R., N. Sydney (convalescent).
Pte. O. P. RUTLEDGE, Div. Trn., 2 A.S.C., Bondi (progressing favourably).
Pte. J. PHILLIPS, 1st Mobile Vet., Newtown (again dangerously ill).
C.S.M. W. H. B. PALMER, 17 B., North Ryde (progressing satisfactorily).
Pte. W. H. HARMAN, 17 B., Waverley (favourable).
Pte. R. R. PARKE, 5 F.A., Bermagui South (very well).
Pte. L. J. SPINDLER, 1 L.H., Bega (still seriously ill).
Gnr. T. STEVENSON, 1 F.A. Bde., 12 R., Burrowa (still dangerously ill).
Pte. A. L. BLACKBURN, 7 L.H., late 12 L.H., Stanmore (still dangerously ill).
Lce.-cpl. J. T. HICKS, 1 B., Dungog (pronounced out of danger).
Pte. A. T. LUCAS, 1 B., 8 R., Rockdale (favourable).
Pte. D. J. PARTRIDGE, 2 B., Singleton (progressing very favourably).
Pte. G. VINCENT, 3 B., 8 R., Hawthorn, Vic. (favourable).
Lce.-cpl. J. WILSON, 4 B., 4 R., Newtown (still seriously ill).

REPORTED IN HOSPITALS.

Major T. L. F. RUTLEDGE, 7 L.H., Bungendore (at Malta).
Capt. H. M. BEIERE, 17 B., Maryborough (Malta).
Capt. W. V. J. BLAKE, 20 B., Manly (Malta).
Capt. P. C. A. DAVENPORT, 5 F.A., England (Malta).
Lieut. C. A. LEE, 20 B., Lewisham (Malta).
Lieut. H. F. HARLOCK, 4 B., 6 R., England (Malta).
Pte. A. LOW, 18 B., late 19 B., 3 R., Sydney (Malta).
Pte. A. C. JONES, 1 F.A., Paddington (Epsom).
Sgt. F. G. GRANGE, 17 B., Five Dock (Epsom).
Pte. W. VINE, 17 B., England (Epsom).
Pte. D. EDWARDS, 13 B., England (London).
Cpl. C. TAYLOR, 1 B., 6 R., England (Malta).
Sgt. R. HUDSON, 1 B., Five Dock (Malta).
Pte. J. BYARS, 1 B., 5 R., Petersham (Malta).
Pte. J. O. F. SELMAN, 1 B., North Sydney (Malta).
Pte. T. G. CORNISH, 1 B., 7 R., Taree (Netley).
L.-cpl. N. MASTERS, 1 F.C.E., Bellevue Hill (Netley).
Dvr. H. C. ROBERTS, D.A.C., 4 R., Summer Hill (Malta).
B'dier H. PAULL, D.A.C., England (Epsom).
Pte. F. J. SAUL, 7 L.H., 5 R., Bourke (Malta).
Pte. H. J. PIPER, 7 L.H., Narrabri (Malta).
Pte. K. McK. THOMSON, 7 L.H., 7 R., Barrier (Malta).
Pte. W. A. McDONELL, 7 L.H., 7 R., Strathmore (Malta).
Pte. W. HAMILTON, 7 L.H., 3 R., Paddington (Epsom).
Pte. E. W. NOBLE, 12 L.H., 2 R., Shoalhaven (Malta).
Pte. M. C. D. COCK, 12 L.H., Hqrs., Tamworth (Epsom).
S.-major C. S. B. RICKETTS, 3 Bty., Fld. Aty., England (Notley).
Gnr. W. HUGHES, 3 Bty., Fld. Aty., England (Malta).
Gnr. G. W. GAWLER, 3 Bty., Fld. Aty., England (Malta).
Gnr. A. TURNBULL, 3 Bty., Fld. Aty., Haberfield (Malta).
Sgt. W. D. JUDD, 18 B., England (London).
Pte. F. W. KING, 19 B., Talbot, Vic. (Epsom).
Pte. W. WOODS, 19 B., address unknown (Epsom).
Pte. A. F. GIBSON, 19 B., 1 R., Goulburn (Malta).
Pte. J. J. HALLETT, 20 B., Dungog (Epsom).
Pte. J. J. P. SCHULLER, 20 B., 1 R., Bondi (Epsom).
Pte. J. BLAIR, 20 B., Scotland (Epsom).
Pte. P. FISHER, 20 B., Redfern (Malta).
Pte. C. F. DAUNT, 20 B., Manly (Malta).
Pte. J. STARLING, 20 B., 1 R., Armidale (Malta).
Pte. R. J. GORMLEY, 20 B., Ashfield (Malta).
Pte. S. T. WILLIAMS, 6 L.H., 5 R., Orange (Malta).
Pte. C. A. DIGBY, 6 L.H., 5 R., Waverley (Malta).
Pte. G. H. COOKE, 6 L.H., 2 R., Nowra (Malta).
Pte. J. MACDONALD, 6 L.H., Branxholme, Vic. (Malta).
Pte. M. MINAHAN, 6 L.H., Milperinka (Malta).
Sgt. C. L. BURRETT, 6 L.H., Sydney (Malta).
Pte. R. H. COMBES, 6 L.H., New Zealand (Epsom).
Pte. M. O'BRIEN, 6 L.H., 3 R., Glen Innes (Epsom).
Pte. W. T. M'HUGHES, 7 L.H., Bundarra (Malta).
Pte. H. C. HAYNE, 7 L.H., late 12 L.H., Enmore (Malta).
Pte. R. C. HENDY, 7 L.H., 7 R., Redfern (Malta).
Pte. H. E. G. KENNY, 7 L.H., 7 R., Riverstone (Malta).
Cpl. E. J. PHELPS, 7 L.H., Birchip, Vic. (Malta).
Pte. P. M. PEACOCK, 7 L.H., 5 R., Oxley (Malta).
Pte. C. H. CHAPMAN, 1 L.H. (late 12 L.H.), Mungindi (Malta).
Cpl. T. W. S. MOORE, 1 L.H., England (Malta).
Pte. A. S. BELLINGER, 1 L.H., 4 R., Bourke (Malta).
Pte. J. H. SMITH, 1 L.H., 3 R., England (Malta).
Sgt. S. J. PENBERTHY, 1 L.H., Narromine (Malta).
Pte. P. H. TREASURE, 1 L.H., Cowra (Malta).
Cpl. J. A. GILBERT, 1 L.H. (late 12 L.H.), Adaminaby (Malta).
Pte. C. SMITH, 1 L.H., 6 R., Sydney (Malta).
Pte. R. GRAHAM, 1 L.H., 4 R., Lake Albert (Malta).
Pte. S. T. MURRAY, 1 L.H., 6 R., Bendemeer (Malta).
Pte. T. J. GRAY, 1 L.H. (late 12 L.H.), Paddington (London).
Pte. A. J. BROWN, 1 B., 1 R., Wheeo (Epsom).
Pte. J. P. LINDSAY, 2 B., 6 R., Westmead (Malta).
Pte. R. A. LAWSON, 2 B., 2 R., Kogarah (Malta).
Pte. C. COLLIS, 3 B., 2 R., Hay, N.S.W. (Malta).
Pte. E. J. HORNE, 3 B., 3 R., England (Malta).
Pte. R. M. BATTS, 3 B., 5 R., England (Malta).
Pte. A. G. ADSETT, 4 B., 4 R., Leichhardt (Malta).
Pte. R. D. HAYWARD, 4 B., 5 R., Paddington (Epsom).
Pte. J. R. T. MORLEY, 4 B., 3 R., Canada (Epsom).
Pte. S. DENNIS, 4 B., Kinchela (trans. to 2nd A.G.H., Ghezireh).
Pte. T. W. WILLIAMS, 4 B., 8 R., Marrickville (Netley).

RETURNED TO EGYPT FOR DUTY.

Pte. A. J. CLARKE, 3 B., 4 R., Parramatta.
Pte. F. C. JEFFES, 3 B., 5 R., Bankstown.
Pte. A. J. NORCOTT, 3 B., 3 R., Bingara.
Pte. H. LEAR, 3 B., 5 R., England.
Pte. C. W. DOWNIE, 4 B., 6 R., South Kensington.
Pte. J. SULLIVAN, 4 B., England.
Pte. H. D. HARRISON, 4 B., Moore Park.
Pte. W. E. BACK, 4 B., 4 R., Jugiong.
Pte. F. SCHEMBRI, 4 B., Malta.
Pte. A. D. GARRED, 13 B., Raymond Terrace.
Pte. J. BAILEY, 13 B., 6 R., England.
Pte. S. COOPER, 13 B., 6 R., Leura.

VICTORIA.

KILLED IN ACTION.

2nd-Lieut. J. E. Marshall, Pte. J. Leahey, Pte. W. L. Austin, Pte. A. D. Thomas, Dvr. H. L. Millington, Gnr. D. Gerrans, Pte. W. A. Baker, Pte. G. F. Nordberg, Pte. R. N. T. Woods, Pte. D. J. Ryan, Pte. C. V. Hamilton, L.-cpl. S. A. Malcolm, Pte. W. J. Webster, Pte. T. E. R. Bodger, Pte. W. A. V. Higgs, L.-cpl. R. N. Emery, Pte. J. L. Taylor, Pte. F. Stevens, Sgt. E. Gunning, Pte. H. J. Lynch, Pte. W. D. Clydesdale, Pte. R. G. Green.

DIED OF WOUNDS.

Pte. S. Compton (Lorn, N.S.W.); Pte. R. J. Tilley, Gnr. B. Lyall, Pte. H. Clemmens.

DIED OF ILLNESS.

Pte. J. F. Bassett, Pte. W. L. Hebbard, Pte. E. F. Woodin, Pte. H. Trullsson.

DIED AT CONSTANTINOPLE.

Pte. P. Hennessy (previously reported wounded and prisoner of war).

MISSING.

Pte. H. N. Rothery, Pte. T. J. Nesbitt, Pte. H. Jackson, Pte. H. V. Ferguson, Pte. W. E. Werner, Pte. R. L. Ellis, Pte. R. H. Thompson, L.-Cpl. G. C. Duncan, Pte. W. Dean.

WOUNDED AND MISSING.

2nd Lieut. P. G. Wale, Pte. G. P. Webber, L.-Cpl. F. Baker, Cpl. H. V. G. Kitchin, Sgt. J. F. Ross, Sgt. J. E. Brock, Pte. L. S. W. MacDougall, L.-Cpl. S. H. Stonely, Pte. H. Angell, Pte. R. H. Stevens, L.-Cpl. A. M. Hayes, Pte. A. Creighton, L.-Cpl. S. G. Thomas, Pte. A. W. Veitch, Pte. J. A. Malcolm, Pte. D. M. Davies, Pte. F. A. Charlton, Pte. C. Bale, Pte. W. H. Onley, Pte. V. C. Hall, Pte. T. E. Ellefsen, Pte. H. H. Rowland, Pte. E. Roy, Pte. F. Gray, Pte. J. Lean, L.-Cpl. R. J. Todd.

WOUNDED.

Lieut. J. Tait, Pte. A. Wallis, Pte. S. Torney (seriously), Pte. C. V. Evans, Pte. A. O'Brien, Pte. A. R. Bentley, Cpl. G. D. Cook, Pte. L. Wood, L.-Cpl. E. L. Iredale, Pte. E. F. Jones, 6 B., 1 R., Dulwich Hill, N.S.W., Pte. G. B. Convy, 6 B., Pte. A. M'Donald, Pte. J. Hobbs, Pte. G. B. Dyer, Pte. L. W. Jacobs, 7 B., Sydney, N.S.W., Pte. W. J. Long, Pte. C. Fowell, Pte. J. P. Fogarty, Q.M.Sgt. T. V. Burnett, Pte. J. R. Rimes, Cpl. L. Cunningham, Pte. G. T. Clarke, L.-Cpl. G. W. Stokoe, Pte. A. Allem, Pte. C. Clark, Cpl. G. Power, Pte. S. Levitt, Sgt. T. A. Orr, Pte. A. Burns, L.-Cpl. E. R. Bregenzer, Pte. P. T. Butler, Pte. W. S. J. Weight, Cpl. A. K. Roebuck, Pte. J. H. Lees, Pte. A. W. Davey, Dvr. J. A. Ellett, L.-Cpl. J. F. Thomas, Dvr. T. Rose.

INJURED.

Pte. A. S. Witchell.

ILL IN HOSPITAL.

Lieut. G. Beith (dangerously), L.-cpl. E. A. Houghton, Sapp. W. J. Blanchard, Pte. D. G. Wilson, Pte. C. J. Farnsworth, Tptr. F. E. Westbrook, Sgt. N. C. Ellsworth, Gnr. C. H. Anderson, Saddler R. H. Hooper, Cpl. A. J. Haggerty, Pte. J. A. P. Whitehead, Cpl. A. J. Johnson, Pte. L. G. Taylor (seriously), Pte. J. J. Slater, Pte. E. Callanan (dangerously), Pte. P. A. M'Mahon, L.-cpl. R. L. Price, Gnr. F. Heince, Sgt. S. H. Oliver, Gnr. L. W. Barry, Dvr. L. Y. Gutteridge, Pte. R. Hammond, Sgt. J. Bailey, Cpl. H. Bronson, Pte. E. Woolley, Pte. C. A. Tullah, Pte. J. C. Mayberry, Pte. F. Atkinson, Pte. J. Cook, Pte. A. Goodwin, Sgt. W. M. Mills, Pte. E. Spooner, Pte. T. G. Elliott, Pte. F. Stewart, Pte. F. L. Bell, Pte. W. H. Clark (seriously), Pte. W. Ford (seriously), Pte. G. N. Johnston, Pte. L. A. Maciver, Pte. E. O'Leary, L.-cpl. W. H. Parsons, Pte. W. B. Taylor, Pte. W. Leneuf, Pte. S. H. O. Wilshire, Pte. J. T. Hutchinson, Pte. A. Spence, Pte. J. Argent, Pte. J. M. McEwan, Pte. T. R. Ryan, Pte. M. T. Locardie, L.-cpl. A. J. McPherson, Cpl. J. A. Wiltshire, Pte. A. Milne, Pte. W. B. Fitzpatrick, Pte. S. G. Letson, Cpl. L. E. Hewitt, Pte. R. B. Gwynn, Pte. K. J. Mitchell, Pte. H. A. Morton, Pte. T. Allen (dangerously), Pte. A. W. McCann, Pte. J. Wheeler, L.-sgt. E. S. Jones.

Pte. L. E. Day, Pte. J. Barratt, Pte. W. H. Warnett, Pte. A. H. Williams (seriously), Pte. W. Stores, Pte. C. H. Houghton, Pte. A. Smith, Pte. F. J. Bennetts, Pte. K. B. Hollings, Pte. A. Hill, Pte. T. Simpson, Pte. F. J. Davies, Pte. J. McC. Pettigrew, Pte. G. Newbound, L.-cpl. A. G. Galland, L.-cpl. H. L. Brent, Pte. W. E. Farr, Pte. C. S. Hunt, Pte. A. Jolly, Pte. W. E. McQuat, L.-cpl. J. M. Ryan, Pte. T. H. Stingers, L.-cpl. J. J. Taylor, Pte. J. W. G. Horgan, Pte. J. W. Sykes (dangerously), Pte. C. Ryan, Pte. V. Cuckson, Pte. F. J. Phillips, Pte. P. Bennett, Pte. A. D. Murrie, Pte. A. L. Fraser, Pte. P. J. Barry, Pte. V. H. Malone, Pte. L. J. McGrath, Pte. J. Rose, L.-cpl. E. Boyd (dangerously), Pte. A. Slamin, Pte. P. T. Broderick, Pte. G. R. Grimmond, Pte. P. Foley, Pte. T. Norton, Pte. T. Haydon, Pte. C. W. V. Cutler, Pte. J. F. Boldarini, Pte. A. B. Allan, Pte. H. Kelly, Pte. P. W. Eldred, Sgt. R. A. Cuff, Cpl. H. Miskin, Pte. R. Tough, Sgt. T. O. Surman, Pte. W. M. Moodie, Pte. W. E. Zumbstein, Cpl. E. D. Wood, Pte. W. D. White, Pte. R. Haynes, Cpl. H. K. Cowan, Pte. A. H. G. Lucas, Pte. A. Hurn, Pte. W. H. Goldspink, Pte. T. Schell, Pte. E. S. Babidge, Cpl. G. A. Rackham, Pte. J. Johnston, Pte. A. Morris, Pte. J. Hickey, Pte. J. P. Conway, Pte. L. B. Regan, Pte. H. V. Pullan, S.-mjr. L. E. Cooper, L.-cpl. E. Wilson, Pte. A. Tapson (dangerously), Dvr. J. E. Morrissey (dangerously), Gnr. S. Sanders, Sgt. H. W. Payne (seriously), Pte. T. Holding (seriously), Pte. H. K. Vickery, L.-cpl. W. Hayes, Pte. N. S. Donaldson, Pte. C. Howell, Cpl. J. T. Humphries, Pte. J. Lynch, Dvr. F. V. Shepherd (seriously), Cpl. C. J. Reeves, L.-cpl. W. Donald.

REJOINED UNIT.

Pte. W. F. Douglas, Pte. G. Urquhart.

PROGRESS REPORTS.

Pte. P. Williams, Lithgow (progressing satisfactorily); Pte. J. G. Yager, Alexandria (no change); Pte. H. Potter, North Sydney (doing well).

REPORTED IN HOSPITALS.

Pte. A. J. W. Capel, Sydney (Malta); Pte. L. T. Cullen, 21 B. (late 22 B.), 2 R., Orange (Malta); Spr. J. M'Donald, 1 D.S. Co. Engrs., Walla (Malta); Pte. W. H. Cavanagh, 8 L.H., Kogarah (Malta); Pte. V. S. Sullivan, 23 B., Wagga Wagga (Epsom).

QUEENSLAND.

KILLED IN ACTION.

Lieut. J. L. Skene, Pte. S. S. Smith, Pte. G. W. Rose.

WOUNDED.

Pte. T. Jones, Pte. S. C. Larkin, Pte. G. L. Ings, Pte. L. R. Byers, Sgt. E. B. Iosch (severely), Pte. J. H. Kelly, Gnr. A. Wilson, Pte. W. E. Butcher, Pte. O. L. S. Holt.

ILL IN HOSPITAL.

Second Lieut. J. E. P. Druitt (seriously), Pte. F. R. White, Pte. J. Anderson, Pte. J. E. Hyde, Sgt. G. Lewis, Pte. A. Paterson, Pte. W. F. Amos (seriously), Pte. H. J. Lewis, Gnr. S. D. Allen, S.-major A. E. Runcorn, Gnr. J. C. Jones, Pte. J. Dowling, Pte. D. H. H. Morton, Cpl. J. W. B. Hooper, Cpl. W. M. G. Maloy, Pte. J. A. Beacom, Pte. J. C. Hackett, C.S.-mjr. J. C. Treherne, Pte. L. Cough (dangerously), Pte. C. Macfarlane, Bglr. W. H. Cox, Cpl. C. Standring (dangerously), Dvr. F. Haines, Pte. W. J. Kane, Pte. A. Forster, Pte. M. Barry (dangerously), Pte. W. R. Hoggett, Pte. F. G. Carlson (dangerously), Cpl. E. S. W. Joyner, Dvr. W. Lanham, Pte. C. E. Saunders, Pte. J. C. Overell.

PROGRESS REPORTS.

Spr. F. E. C. Stringer, Deniliquin (fairly well).

REPORTED IN HOSPITALS.

Pte. T. W. Fletcher, West Maitland (Malta); Pte. H. M. Palmer, Sydney (Malta); Pte. C. N. Campion, Redfern (Malta); Pte. C. Jones, Parramatta (Malta); Sgt. L. M. Fitzgerald, Redfern (London); Pte. J. E. N. Ward, Richmond River (Malta).

RETURNED TO EGYPT FOR DUTY.

Pte. A. D. Temple (Nerriga).

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

DIED OF WOUNDS.

Lieut. C. E. Thomas, Sgt. A. E. Phillips, Pte. A. C. Thompson, Pte. G. L. Hayward, Pte. C. A. Fuller.

KILLED IN ACTION.

Pte. C. W. Collins (Wanbi), Pte. C. E. Norton, L.-cpl. G. A. Stolz, Pte. E. G. Lowe.

WOUNDED.

Lieut. W. S. Hosking, Pte. E. J. Doherty, Pte. M. T. Rofe.

ILL IN HOSPITAL.

Pte. E. J. Atkins, Pte. E. A. Halliday, Pte. A. Ronayne, Pte. F. G. Hurford, Pte. E. Walters, Pte. S. A. Lee, Pte. W. W. Evans (seriously), Pte. C. Reppe, Pte. W. H. Siggs, Pte. G. Clark, Pte. W. F. Kothe, Pte. A. C. McWaters, Pte. S. Cook, Pte. A. C. Stewart, Pte. E. G. Oswald, Pte. W. V. Hope, Pte. H. Mason, L.-Cpl. F. J. Miller (seriously), Pte. H. C. Ploenges, Pte. G. Kollosche.

REPORTED IN HOSPITALS.

Pte. C. R. Horwood, Broken Hill (Epsom); Spr. W. J. Thomas, Railway Town (Malta); Pte. J. T. Smith, Broken Hill (Malta).

RETURNED TO EGYPT FOR DUTY.

Pte. A. W. HIRSCHANSEN, Broken Hill.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

WOUNDED AND MISSING.

Pte. D. Munroe.

WOUNDED.

Pte. I. J. H. Ashbolt, Dvr. G. R. Hathway, Dvr. W. G. Tait, Pte. J. G. Collins, Pte. F. Barker (seriously).

INJURED.

Pte. J. Lander.

ILL IN HOSPITAL.

Dvr. T. Connor, Pte. W. A. Pearson (dangerously), Cpl. B. J. Moonan, Pte. W. Herrington, Pte. J. H. Kelly, Pte. G. R. Lukehurst, Pte. A. Triggs, Q.M. Sgt. J. W. Jelfs, A.-sgt. G. A. J. Mansbridge, S. mjr. H. Smith, Pte. A. Nairn, Pte. J. Twyford, Lce.-cpl. P. Allen, Pte. W. A. Leaver, Sgt. R. Carlisle, Pte. L. A. Coe, Pte. M. G. Stewart, Pte. P. R. Hall, Sgt.-mjr. W. J. Eddington.

REPORTED IN HOSPITAL.

Pte. A. Towers, Trelba, N.S.W. (Epsom).

TASMANIA.

MISSING.

Pte. J. Shaw.

WOUNDED.

Pte. M. S. Blyth, Pte. H. Ellison.

ILL IN HOSPITAL.

Pte. D. S. Maxwell, Gnr. C. A. Allen, Pte. H. Domcombe, Pte. J. Bowie, Pte. W. R. Jeffrey, Pte. H. B. Woodruff, Pte. J. W. Dooling, Pte. N. Bellette, Pte. G. R. Hills, Pte. A. W. Pratt (dangerously), Sgt. G. S. Parsons, Pte. J. Richmond, Pte. J. H. Boys, Pte. W. V. Warren, S.-Sgt. D. Sunderland, Pte. C. J. Bond.

NEW ZEALAND.

WELLINGTON (N.Z.), Friday.

The following additional casualties are reported:—

Died of Wounds.—Wellington Battalion: Pte. Sherwood.

Died of Disease.—Canterbury Battalion: Pte. Harrison.

Missing.—Auckland Mounted: Lieut. Cullen. Wounded.—Otago Mounted: Tpr. Meser. Field Artillery: Sgt. Clinkhard; Gnr. Lake. Engineers: Cpl. Newman. Otago Battalion: Pte. Baxter.

RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU,

88 PITT-STREET.

This office will be closed until Monday, January 3, 1916. Any information received by cable will be forwarded to those interested.

LANGER OWEN.

MOUNTAIN TOURIST GUIDE.

The complete tourist guide to the Blue Mountains has yet to be written. Two Government publications supply some information, and at one time a small Katoomba publication, while in no wise affecting the grand style, gave very plain directions which enable the tourist to find his way about among the most commonly visited sights. We have received another publication, the "Blue Mountains and Jenolan Caves Illustrated Tourist Guide," compiled and published by H. Phillips, of Katoomba. At first inspection this seemed to hazard a more ambitious attempt in filling the wants of those who desire to get further away from the beaten track than the Government publications encourage. But a careful perusal was disappointing. For the most part, which is, indeed, acknowledged by the compiler, the guide is a repetition of the Government publications. As far as we can discover, the only new matter of any value is the description of the walk through the Burragorang Valley from Wentworth Falls. This description does not mention a most important fact that for the first day out from Wentworth Falls the road is bad for water. Water can be obtained on the road, and a tourist guidebook should indicate the way to obtain it. The description of the track to Jenolan Caves from the top of Nellie's Glen, Katoomba, is quite out of date, and it is time that some fresh description were written. The present account is practically a reprint of that given by Mr. Surveyor Cooper, who laid out the track in 1884. Since then changes in settlement have completely altered some of the landmarks, and for over a trip of two miles the original track is now never followed. Some of the fences noted have disappeared. In copying Mr. Surveyor Cooper's account some compiler has confused his description of the cart track as it was then—it is now the main road—from Mount Victoria to the Caves, with the Katoomba bridle track. It is that part which refers to the "S" curve of the main range. It is time that this blot were removed from tourist publications. No mention is made that accommodation can now be obtained in the valley, a fact which, if known, will encourage many more women than at present to make the trip.

Going on to Blackheath, the statement is made that it is possible to descend into the Grose from Perry's Lookdown. It was practicable to do so in 1902, but it was not practicable in 1905, owing to some landslips, and we very much doubt whether the track is practicable to-day. The book is well printed, and the maps are clear.

THE WEATHER.

MORE RAIN EXPECTED.

There is no indication of any decline in monsoonal influence over eastern Australia, a well-defined depression being now established over that part of the continent.

Its development threatens to cause unsettled weather over this State early next week, and yesterday morning's reports show that considerable cloud production, together with some rain and thunder, have already resulted from the operation of this disturbance, Darwin receiving 122 points, Katherine (N.T.) 416 points, and Tambo (Q.) 77 points; while light to moderate rains over the southern slopes and southern tablelands of New South Wales are also attributable to this cause.

The Weather Bureau reported last night that the weather inland was fine, and the skies were only lightly clouded, but a valley of low pressure, due to monsoonal connection, extended from the Gulf of Carpentaria to Tasmania. The consequent inflow of moist tropical air to the southern latitude was likely soon to produce a change to unsettled weather in at least the western parts of New South Wales, and, in fact, the normal development of these meteorological conditions should cause general rain early in the week.

STATION REPORTS.

Messrs. Winchcombe, Carson, Ltd., have received the following wire from Brisbane:—"Heavy rain falling Hughenden. Prospects particularly bright."

FISH DEPOTS.

NEWCASTLE, Friday.

The Chief Secretary (Mr. G. Black), accompanied by Mrs. Black, Messrs. R. A. Price and Wm. Brown, Ms.L.A., and D. G. Stead, Director of Fisheries, have been on a nine-days' tour through the Myall Lakes district. Meetings were addressed at Nelson's Bay, Tea Gardens, Bungwahl, Forster, Tuncurry, and Taree, and at each place the fishermen unanimously agreed to the Government establishing depots for receiving and freezing fish. The Chief Secretary has decided to establish depots at Duck Hole, near Nelson's Bay, and also at Tuncurry and Taree.

THE MEN OF ANZAC.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Talking to a high officer who has returned wounded from Anzac, I learned that our Australian boys, though gratified with the reception their magnificent conduct has met with from the public at home and abroad, have an intense desire for some official recognition, which shall be peculiarly and distinctively Australian. There will, of course, when the war is over, be the usual Imperial Service Medals, which, when they come, will undoubtedly be treasured by the recipients. But they will be Imperial; and our men want something Australian as well.

Thinking this over, it appears to me that it would be a graceful act on the part of the Prime Minister if he would have a simple medal struck with the outline of Australia raised in relief upon it; and across it the one word, "Anzac," or "Gallipoli." On the other side could be engraved whatever inscription is usual and suitable to the circumstances.

The point is that this would serve to distinguish from all other Australian troops—the men of Anzac. And they are entitled to that distinction. And they are entitled to receive it from an Australian people, grateful and proud, though bereaved.

It would be peculiarly appropriate that the determination in this way to recognise their work should be conveyed now to the men of Anzac. It would show that, though they have been withdrawn from an impossible position (where they had performed apparently impossible feats of valour and endurance), Australia fully recognises that they did their glorious best, and sympathises with them in the inevitable disappointment which they must feel at having to give up the position won as the guerdon of heroic endeavour.

We have at last a Prime Minister who is a statesman—almost the first since Federation. The steps to end the German grip on the Australian metal trade; the steps to throttle German trade in other directions while our Chamber of Commerce and others were handling the question with kid gloves; the decision to drop the referendum; the straightforward recruiting scheme; the manly message to the Imperial Government on the withdrawal from Anzac. These all indicate that in Australia we have at last a statesman to lead us instead of a mere mouthing politician.

Would it not be another statesmanlike act to cable a message of love and confidence now to the men of Anzac; and as quickly as possible follow it by the issue of an official medal inscribed Anzac or Man of Anzac, to possess which would be the greatest honour conceivable in the eyes of Australia?

I am, etc.,
CURRAWANG.

[Both our correspondent's suggestions are admirable. But the issue of a medal is a Royal prerogative—the King is the fountain of honour—and Royal assent would probably first be necessary.]

THE REUNION OF CHRISTENDOM.

(BY J. E. CARRUTHERS.)

At the close of a year of war there is not much to report concerning visible progress in the matter of the re-union of Christendom. There are not wanting those who are ready to make a contrary affirmation, and say that the present condition of the world indicates the arrest, if not the temporary defeat, of Christianity altogether. There is something to be said for such an affirmation. One of the names prophetically given to Him whose birth the world celebrates to-day was that of "Prince of Peace." It was also said: "The government shall be upon His shoulders." And yet in the 20th century of the Christian era the world is at war on an unparalleled scale, and the tragedy of it is that the leading combatants are the nations that are avowedly Christian, and the ferocity of the struggle exceeds anything previously known in human history. More than that, the combatants on either side have enlisted non-Christian peoples in support of their cause, and as against the supposed Christian nation or nations they are at war with. Germany has allied itself with Turkey, and is seeking to overthrow Christian domination in the East; more than that, it has become a party to a wholesale extermination of a brave and ancient Christian people in Armenia. Russia—Orthodox Russia—is in league with Japan, with its philosophic superstitions; and Great Britain and France do not hesitate to employ their Moslem tributary tribes or nations in a supreme struggle to overthrow Teuton aggression. Where does Christianity come in? Amid such a tempest of violence and bloodshed can any progress be hoped for in regard to the reunion of Christendom?

The situation is dark indeed. And yet there are rays of light that penetrate the gloom, and give promise of a brighter and a better time. He would be a bold man who would affirm that Christianity—or indeed any form of religion—is in any degree accountable for the world-tragedy of to-day. Germany alleges that she is in the field in the interests of "kultur"; she has never once pretended that she is in arms on behalf of Christianity. She has tried to stir up a "holy war" in the Moslem world against Great Britain, but with all her hypocrisies she has never invoked the name of Jesus Christ, nor put His cross upon her banners. Rightly or wrongly, our Empire and our Allies claim that they are fighting a defensive warfare, in which freedom and righteousness are menaced to the death. But no combatant holds that Christianity is responsible for the situation. It is not a warlike religion. It seeks no propagation by the sword. Its mission is redemptive. Its weapons are spiritual. And despite all superficial cavilling there is to-day a profound conviction throughout the nations that if there had been more real religion in men's minds and hearts there would have been no war; if Christian aims and motives had ruled in the chancelleries of Europe swords might have been beaten into ploughshares and spears into pruning hooks, and Right have been supreme even over Might. Prophecy has not failed. It simply tarries in its fulfilment. The things that are to-day are the outworking of the unregenerate mind and heart, and the only hope of abiding betterment is in the effective prevalence of that Divine religion, the seat of which is in the heart and the fruits of which are righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Nor are there wanting signs that the war itself will be a great factor in furthering the union of Christendom. The stories that come from the battle fronts all agree that in the presence of the grim realities of warfare denominationalism as such does not count for much. The soldiers don't ask to which church their "padre" belongs. It is sufficient for them that he is a minister of religion. Nor do the chaplains make any distinction between conformist and non-conformist in the trenches or the hospitals. If any are so narrow-minded as to carry their denominationalism thus far they do so to their own prejudice and hurt. A wounded man needs consolation; priest, presbyter, or parson knows that it is not sectarianism that can administer that. It is in the presence of such solemnities as the chaplains have to face day by day on the battlefield that the unimportance of the things that divide is seen, and the transcendent value of those that we hold in common comes clearly into view. Things are not going to be quite the same, in any sphere, after the war. There will be a reappraisement of values in many directions. Supreme things will be elevated above those that are secondary; dividing lines that are accidental will be lowered. And names, and sects, and parties, will be at a discount, in favour of a more catholic and effective presentation of the divine human religion of the one Lord and Saviour of mankind. Thus history may repeat itself, and opposition and strife turn out rather to the furtherance of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

In the ecclesiastical sphere a few things have transpired during the year which indicate that the desire for reunion is active in many quarters, although no clear method of bringing it to pass is yet apparent. The movement for holding a World Conference on Faith and Order is slowly progressing in America, and a recent report from the Preliminary Commission, which has its headquarters in Maine, U.S.A., contains some items of interest. Delegations were appointed to visit Europe in furtherance of the purposes of the commission, but these had to be suspended on account of the war. But no fewer than 67 responsible church organisations, situated on all the continents, have expressed in a preliminary way their approval of the object sought to be obtained, and their willingness to co-operate by the appointment of a consultative commission. Among these are dioceses of the Church of England in various parts of the world, Presbyterian General Assemblies, Methodist Conferences, Congregational and Baptist Unions, and the church courts of several smaller denominations. At a recent meeting the secretary also reported letters from Cardinal Gasparri and from the Archbishop of Upsala and from correspondents in touch with the Archbishop of Finland, also articles on the subject of the World Conference by Sergius Troitsky in the organ of the Church of Russia, and by the Rev. S. Sietmins, of Helsingfors, in the organ of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland. It will thus be evident that a widespread interest is being created in the proposed World Conference. At the meeting of the commission referred to it was resolved that a preliminary conference be held in Garden City, U.S.A., on January 4-7, 1916, and that has been arranged for. The purpose of the conference will solely be the consideration of the question, "How can we best prepare for a world conference?" The larger subject of Faith and Order will not come into view at the preliminary conference. The machinery for convening the world conference and the manner of approaching the big questions with which it will have to deal require first to be adjusted, and will need to be subjects of careful and prolonged consideration.

Whilst this larger question is thus engaging the attention of wide-visioned men in America, some smaller plans have received an impetus in England and other places. Quite recently a meeting was convened in London by the National Free Church Council, composed of delegates specially appointed by the denominations concerned. Its object, as stated in the invitation, was "for the purpose of conference as to whether preliminary steps can be taken to promote closer co-operation among the churches, especially in the rural districts." According to the report, a resolution was carried, with complete unanimity and with great heartiness, affirming that "there is urgent need to promote closer union between the evangelical free churches of this country in order to promote the effectiveness of their spiritual witness, to prevent overlapping, and to make more adequate provision for the needs of great populations." The passage of a resolution of this kind by a representative gathering is in itself a sign of the times. Of late years there has been a drawing together of the sundered fragments of Presbyterianism and Methodism have each effected important amalgamations within themselves. Congregationalism is seeking to become more coherent, and the Baptist cleavages are in process of being repaired. Everywhere the movement is centripetal rather than centrifugal. As the Rev. Dr. Scott Lidgett recently wrote:—"The question of existing denominations and of the whole principle of denominationalism cannot be left where it stands. At every turn we are confronted with the higher and more commanding ideal of catholicity. No doubt that ideal needs transformation. Perhaps the strongest and saddest irony of history is that those who have emphasised catholicity have stood for exclusiveness, and that catholicity itself which is above all spiritual and vital, has been well nigh strangled by ecclesiastical mechanism. Yet the ideal lives. It will not be displaced, ignored, or reasoned away. The highest and most permanent instincts of the Christian life reach out towards unity in faith, fellowship, and service." How to secure that catholicity consistent with the spiritual freedom that is the birthright of every individual soul is the great problem to be solved. And the solutions will come not along mechanical lines, but by the operation of the organic forces of spiritual life.

PURE FOOD.

STRINGENT REGULATIONS.

IMPORTANT CHANGES.

The new regulations issued by the Board of Health under the recent alteration of the Public Health Act prescribe in some directions sweeping and salutary changes. It is contemplated by the authorities that the code now gazetted will involve considerable structural alterations in shops and factories in order to secure compliance with the law, and grace till the end of May is to be allowed shopkeepers, manufacturers, and others to effect any alterations found necessary.

The new regulations cover 21 folio pages of the "Government Gazette," and set out the precautions to be adopted by manufacturers and food purveyors generally. The various foods and drugs usually sold are standardised.

Following, in effect, are the principal regulations to provide for the protection of foods and drugs from contamination:—

Every person who is engaged in the manufacture, preparation, storage, packing, carriage, or delivery of foods or drugs for sale shall, when so engaged, maintain his clothing and his body clean.

No person who is suffering from any infectious or contagious disease, skin eruption, consumption, phthisis, or any loathsome disease, or who is wearing any unmedicated bandages shall engage in the manufacture, preparation, storage, packing, carriage, delivery, or sale of any food or drug, or of any article used or intended to be used as a food or drug.

No person shall spit, and no person shall smoke at any time in any room while engaged in the manufacture, preparation, or storing of any food for sale, and no person shall eat or smoke or chew tobacco in any place where the manufacture or preparation of such food is carried on.

Provided that this clause of this regulation shall not prohibit the packing or storing of any food which is enclosed in a hermetically sealed container.

SECURING CLEANLINESS.

Food and drugs for sale, and every receptable, implement, machine, vehicle, utensil, tools or trade, benches, fittings, machinery, or other appliances, and every part thereof, or in connection with the manufacture, preparation, storage, packing, carriage, or delivery of any food or drug for sale shall at all times—(a) be kept clean; (b) be kept free from foul odours; (c) be kept free from all vermin; (d) be kept free from dust so far as practicable, free from dirt so far as practicable, free from dirt so far as practicable, free from dust so far as practicable.

No person shall manufacture, prepare, pack, store, or offer or expose for sale any article of food, or a drug, in any place which is in direct communication with any stable, or in which any work is carried on, or any process is carried on, or any article of manufacture is made, which may affect such article of food or drug injuriously, or which may render it unwholesome, or which might be rendered unwholesome by any food or drug which is ordinarily stored in such place, or in any other place which is not properly separated from such stable, or in which any animal is kept, or any animal, vegetable, or other matter is stored, or any process is carried on, or any article is made which may render such article of food or drug unwholesome, or which may affect such article of food or drug injuriously, or which may directly affect its wholesomeness or healthfulness.

No person shall manufacture, prepare, pack, store, or offer or expose for sale any article of food, or a drug, in any room used as a sleeping apartment, or which is in direct communication with any sleeping apartment, or which is entered through any sleeping apartment, or with any stable, or in which anything is kept, or any animal or vegetable or other matter is stored, or any process is carried on, or any article is made which may render such article of food or drug unwholesome, or which may affect such article of food or drug injuriously, or which may directly affect its wholesomeness or healthfulness.

No person shall manufacture, prepare, pack, store, or offer or expose for sale any article of food or drug in any place which is not properly drained, or which is not properly lighted, or which is not properly ventilated, or which is not properly protected from the entrance of dust, flies, and vermin.

No person shall manufacture, prepare, pack, store, or offer or expose for sale any article of food or drug in any place which is not provided with a sufficient supply of water, or with sufficient appliances for the cleansing of such article of food or drug, or of the vessels, utensils, or packages in which such article of food or drug is manufactured, prepared, packed, stored, or offered or exposed for sale.

No person shall manufacture, prepare, pack, store, or offer or expose for sale any article of food or drug in any place which is not provided with sufficient and proper conveniences for the use of persons employed in such place.

All food and drugs for sale shall at all times—(a) be kept clean; (b) be kept free from foul odours; (c) be kept free from all vermin; (d) be kept free from dust so far as practicable, free from dirt so far as practicable, free from dust so far as practicable.

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RESTAURANTS.

Every restaurant, tea room, refreshment room, dining room, lunch bar, restaurant, dining room, or other place in which any food or drink, and in which all persons and food, shall be thoroughly clean, and shall be kept free from dust, dirt, and vermin, and shall be kept free from dust, dirt, and vermin, and shall be kept free from dust, dirt, and vermin.

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No person shall manufacture, prepare, pack, store, or offer or expose for sale any article of food or drug in any room used as a sleeping apartment, or which is in direct communication with any sleeping apartment, or which is entered through any sleeping apartment, or with any stable, or in which anything is kept, or any animal or vegetable or other matter is stored, or any process is carried on, or any article is made which may render such article of food or drug unwholesome, or which may affect such article of food or drug injuriously, or which may directly affect its wholesomeness or healthfulness.

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SANITARY MILK.

There is nothing absent or to-date relating to milk. Nothing being omitted from them.

No person shall sell, consume, carry, or deliver any milk or cream for sale, or cause or suffer any such milk or cream to be consumed, carried, or delivered for sale which is not clean.

No person shall cause or suffer any milk or cream to be milked for the purpose of trading into any cream for sale, unless the cows to be milked, or the utensils of milking the udder and the cows are clean.

Unless the hands of the person milking such cows are clean and free from all contamination before milking.

No person shall, in connection with the sale, or for delivery, or consumption, shall carry or convey water, milk, or cream in any other fluid capable of being used for diluting milk.

No person shall use or receptacle containing milk or cream, or to milk for sale, or any part, substance, or vessel for milk, which is not properly cleansed, under the personal supervision of the owner agent, or servant.

BEERS AND SPIRITS.

Beers and spirits are dealt with fully.

Milk in or malt beer containing not less than 2 per cent. of proof spirit, or not less than 2 per cent. of proof spirit, or not less than 2 per cent. of proof spirit, or not less than 2 per cent. of proof spirit.

No person shall sell, or offer for sale, or have in his possession for sale, any beer, porter, or stout which contains more than three grains of arsenic in any of arsenious acid or arsenic, or more than two grains of arsenic trioxide, or more than five grains of lead acetate, per gallon.

The standard of strength for spirits shall be as follows:

Brandy, not more than 35 degrees under proof.
Rum, not more than 35 degrees under proof.
Gin, not more than 35 degrees under proof.
Whisky, not more than 35 degrees under proof.
Gin, not more than 35 degrees under proof.

GENERAL PROVISIONS.

The regulations lay down what preservatives and colouring matter are allowed in foods offered for sale, and there are stringent provisions to ensure that labels shall be not only boldly printed, but must comply with a certain formula to guard against the public being misled.

Drugs which are not included in the latest edition with amendments of the British Pharmacopoeia, and which are included in the latest edition of the British Pharmaceutical Codex, shall conform to the descriptions and tests respectively prescribed for them in the said Codex, unless otherwise standardised in these regulation, or in any Act in force in New South Wales, or in regulations made thereunder:

There shall be written in the label attached to every package containing a proprietary medicine sold for internal use by man, which is compounded with ethylic alcohol in greater proportion than 17 and one-half parts per centum of proof spirit, in bold-faced sans-serif capital letters of not less than six points face measurement, the percentage proportion of alcohol contained in it, expressed in terms of proof spirit.

Except where a penalty is otherwise provided in the Act or in any regulations now or hereafter to be made under the Act, any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of such regulations shall forfeit, on conviction, a penalty of not more than £20, and for a continuing offence not more than £2 for every day during which the offence shall be continued.

THE SCHOOLS.

SYDNEY BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL.

The breaking-up for the vacation of the Sydney Boys' High School took place last week. Mr. H. D. M'Lelland, B.A., Deputy Chief Inspector, was present. The regular Speech Day was deferred, but prizes won in athletics were presented, and the Old Boys' Prize for all round qualities was won by Sherwood. The presentation was made by Mr. W. G. Lewis, the president of the union, who was one of the boys who was enrolled on the first day the school was opened in 1883. The head master made feeling reference to the retirement during the year, through ill health, of Mr. John Waterhouse, M.A., the ex-headmaster. He mentioned that nearly 200 old boys had enlisted, of whom 12 were known to have given their lives to the service of their country, whilst three were missing and many wounded. Presentations were made to Sergt. Perryman and Private Sorenson, two boys of the current year, who have enlisted.

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There is nothing absent or to-date relating to milk. Nothing being omitted from them.

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BEERS AND SPIRITS.

Beers and spirits are dealt with fully.

Milk in or malt beer containing not less than 2 per cent. of proof spirit, or not less than 2 per cent. of proof spirit, or not less than 2 per cent. of proof spirit, or not less than 2 per cent. of proof spirit.

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The standard of strength for spirits shall be as follows:

Brandy, not more than 35 degrees under proof.
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GENERAL PROVISIONS.

The regulations lay down what preservatives and colouring matter are allowed in foods offered for sale, and there are stringent provisions to ensure that labels shall be not only boldly printed, but must comply with a certain formula to guard against the public being misled.

Drugs which are not included in the latest edition with amendments of the British Pharmacopoeia, and which are included in the latest edition of the British Pharmaceutical Codex, shall conform to the descriptions and tests respectively prescribed for them in the said Codex, unless otherwise standardised in these regulation, or in any Act in force in New South Wales, or in regulations made thereunder:

There shall be written in the label attached to every package containing a proprietary medicine sold for internal use by man, which is compounded with ethylic alcohol in greater proportion than 17 and one-half parts per centum of proof spirit, in bold-faced sans-serif capital letters of not less than six points face measurement, the percentage proportion of alcohol contained in it, expressed in terms of proof spirit.

Except where a penalty is otherwise provided in the Act or in any regulations now or hereafter to be made under the Act, any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of such regulations shall forfeit, on conviction, a penalty of not more than £20, and for a continuing offence not more than £2 for every day during which the offence shall be continued.

SPORTING.

THE TURF.

Though the Autumn meeting of the Australian Jockey Club is yet nearly four months away, owners and trainers of racehorses are called upon to make their selections for the principal handicaps before 4 p.m. on Tuesday, the 4th prox. The items that need attention on that date are the Doncaster Handicap, a sweepstakes of 20 sovs. with 2000 sovs added, for all horses, the owner of the second horse to receive 400 and the third 200 sovs from the prize, 1 mile; and Sydney Cup, a handicap sweepstakes of 20 sovs. with 5000 sovs added, the owner of the second horse to receive 1000 and the third 500 sovs from the prize, 2m. Nominations can also be lodged up to the same hour at the offices of the V.R.C., Melbourne; Q.T.C., Brisbane; W.A.T.C., Perth (W.A.); C.J.C., Christchurch (N.Z.); W.R.C., Wellington (N.Z.); and Hawkes Bay Jockey Club (N.Z.).

The once famous amateur rider, Mr. Frank Blomfield, is an inmate of the Charlemont Private Hospital with a broken leg. Mr. Blomfield's career as a picnic rider was cut short some time back at Glen Innes by a bad fall, which left him a partial cripple, and recently, while backing about among his stock, his horse fell, and the injured leg was again fractured.

Messrs. H. Chisholm and Co. hold their new year's blood stock sale at their stables, Randwick, on Monday, January 3, when, in addition to the imported English horses listed by Mr. A. P. S. Jackson, a well-known Kentish veterinary surgeon, and who are now on view at the stables, a number of local-bred horses will be brought under the hammer. Among those catalogued are: Tau, Kiklamah, Holy Smoke, Orzil Maid, Lanacre Maid, Mavus, Bulu Bulu, Maud Emily, and Oregon. Catalogues are now in course of compilation, and intending vendors will facilitate their task by giving particulars of their stock as early as possible.

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Raich	10 0	Ruby	7 6
Kellai	9 10		

QUEENSLAND TURF CLUB

SECOND SUMMER MEETING.

BRISBANE, Friday.

The following are the acceptances for the principal events of the Q.T.C. second summer meeting, to be held on Boxing and New Year's days:—

Steeplechase Handicap, about 2m. 5f. 110yds.: Sir Ferdinand, 12st. 7lb.; Field Fillerton, 12st.; Hanover, 11st. 8lb.; Limited, 9st. 7lb.; Vamoose, 9st. 12lb.; Coolnoo, 9st. 7lb.; Yank, 9st. 7lb.; Blue Gull, 9st. 7lb.; Tomahoe, 9st. 1lb.; Mahlemeer, 8st. 12lb.; Ivanhoe, 8st. 7lb.; Alfred Joel, 8st. 7lb.; Hillbilly, 8st. 7lb.; Sir Ivan, 8st. 7lb.; Our Peggy, 8st. 4lb.; Demonstrate, 8st.; Lord Fillerton, 8st.; Sound Lotus, 8st. 3lb.; Rainbow, 7st. 13lb.; Hamilton, 7st. 9lb.; Liquid Malt, 7st. 7lb.; Vamoose, 7st. 7lb.; Rose Tor, 7st. 7lb.; Rubicon, 7st. 1lb.; Sweet Pillion, 6st. 12lb.; Yank, 6st. 7lb.

AUBURY LICENSED VICTUALLERS' RACE CLUB.

AUBURY, Friday.

Subjoined are the weights for the meeting to be held on the 2nd inst.:—

First Hurdle Race, about 2m.—Spanish Prize, 12st. 10lb.; May Morning, 12st. 10lb.; Merrydon, 9st. 4lb.; Telephone Girl, 9st. 4lb.; Our Jack, 9st. 4lb.; Lady Dick, 9st.; Sweet Aire, 9st.; Coolgeela, 9st.

Maiden Plate, ½ Mile.—Mungana, 9st. 12lb.; Bean Sprout, 9st. 12lb.; Silver Street, 8st. 10lb.; Miss La Belle, 8st. 7lb.; Lady Dick, 8st. 7lb.

Second Hurdle Handicap, 2m.—Will Soc, 9st.; Harvey Moon, 7st. 10lb.; Miss Appel, 7st. 7lb.; Ballyboy, 7st. 5lb.

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Flying Hurdle Handicap, 1½ miles.—Sir Zillah, 9st.; Trebuchet, 9st.; John French, 8st. 12lb.; Golden Crown, 8st. 9lb.; Mary Rondell, 8st. 9lb.; Shellhole, 8st. 9lb.; Bean Sprout, 8st. 7lb.; Shellhole, 8st.; Handsman, 7st. 7lb.; Miss La Belle, 7st. 5lb.; Maidera, 7st. 5lb.

Farmer's Handicap, 6f.—Silver Model, 9st. 2lb.; Tremont, 9st.; Patton's Handicap, 8f.—Silver Model, 9st. 2lb.; Tremont, 9st.; Kiki, 8st. 12lb.; Kiss, 8st. 12lb.; Moorpala, 7st. 5lb.; Harvest Moon, 7st. 12lb.; Moorpala, 7st. 5lb.

SWIMMING.

BEECROFT AMATEUR CLUB.

The following is the result of the final of the above club's Heath Handicap, held in the Beecroft-road baths on Saturday afternoon, in the presence of a large crowd, viz.:—1, S. Moore, 16m.; 2, S. Brennan, 1m.; 3, Thos. Jo., 30s.

LAW REPORT.

SUPREME COURT.

IN PRIVATE CHAMBERS.

(Before Mr. Justice Ferguson.)

APPLICATION FOR A RULE NISI.

Mr. Boyce, instructed by Messrs. Boyce and Magney, agents for Messrs. Connellan and Pearcy, appeared on behalf of Bert Turner, a youth of 17, by his next friend, in an application for a rule nisi for a writ of prohibition directed to Harcourt Holcombe, police magistrate, and Police Sergeant Lord, of Parkes, to restrain them from proceeding upon the conviction of the applicant on a charge of aiding and abetting one Bourne in selling liquor to a person under the age of 18 years. The application was based on the grounds that there was no evidence to support the conviction, and that the conviction was against the evidence.

His Honor granted a rule as asked, and made it returnable on January 12.

POLICE COURTS.

THEFT OF DOORS.

On pleading guilty to stealing two doors and a lot of electric cables, valued at £5, the property of Andrew Scott, at Bondi, Frederick Victor Wesley, 23, was sentenced to two months' hard labour on each charge, the terms to be concurrent.

An employee at Northern Rollers said that he saw prisoner in his father's shop on Thursday afternoon, when prisoner took the chocolates from one department and the cigarettes from another. Witness followed him, and he then went to Dowsett's, where he stole three books from a shelf there. He was then arrested.

Wesley said that he had been employed as a packer following upon the other employments mentioned. His mother-in-law was forced to leave owing to ill-health. He was at present homeless. He had never taken anything before.

Mr. Clarke, S.M., said that such offences must be dealt with, as they were far too common.

INSULTED A SOLDIER.

Arthur Vincent, a member of the 7th Light Horse, was in attendance at Darlinghurst, city, on Thursday, when George Smith Robertson, 35, a labourer, on bail in connection with his own case, struck him in the face, and caused him to fall heavily to the ground. Vincent, who was in uniform, was about to return a salute. Young resented such treatment, and, leaving his seat unmolested, he went for a policeman, and had Robertson arrested. At the police station Robertson was charged with having used insulting words to Young, and on being convicted was fined £5, with the alternative of seven months' imprisonment.

Robertson, in his defence, denied having used the words explained of. He was a member of the I.W.W., and stated that he was a pacifist. He was not against the present war, but also against conscription, but had never spoken in favour of it. A brother of his was at present fighting with the British in France.

NORTHERN MINERS.

NEWCASTLE, Friday.

The ballot for the election of executive officers of the Colliery Employees' Federation has resulted in Mr. J. M. Barclay being declared president, and Mr. W. Brennan elected secretary. Mr. A. Lewis was returned unopposed as treasurer. Mr. Beddeley secured 4409 votes, and Mr. E. Peters 1527. Mr. Brennan (1688 votes) was opposed by Mr. Mowbray (1252 votes). Mr. E. Bainbridge was re-elected auditor.

COAL EXPORTS.

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The coal exports this week totalled 102,192 tons, as against 74,993 tons for the corresponding week of last year, and 137,894 tons for the same week of 1913. Of this week's exports, 52,865 tons went to Commonwealth and New Zealand ports, and 29,327 tons to overseas markets. The largest shipments were 22,220 tons for South Australia, and 32,150 tons for Victoria.

AMUSEMENTS.

HER MAJESTY'S.—"SO LONG, LETTY."

"So Long, Letty," a new musical comedy composed by Earl Carroll, book by Oliver Morosco and Elmer Harris, will be produced on Monday night as the Christmas attraction at Her Majesty's Theatre. The new piece, which will be repeated at matinees on the Australian debut of Miss Connie Ediss, the London favorite, the cast being as follows:—Letty Baldon, Dorothy Brunton; Tommy Robins, Chas. H. Workman; Mrs. Miller, Connie Ediss; Harry Miller, Vivian Fisher; Chin Mane, a Spanish girl, Marie Kelly; Philip Brown, Paul Plunket; Billie Merday a bit-setter on the beach, Alfred Frith; Amelia Coast, Ethel Morrison; Mabel, Cecil Bradley. Mr. H. B. Bordier will produce the new piece, and Mr. Andrew MacCunn will direct the music.

CRITERION.—"TWIN BEDS."

"Twin Beds" is causing uproarious laughter at the Criterion Theatre, where the next performance will be on Monday, with holiday matinees on that day, Tuesday, and Wednesday. The artful chemists and their newly-married pair who endure such surprising adventures and alarms fall to Mr. Hale Hamilton and Miss Myrtle Tannehill, well-known American artists. Miss Tannehill's career appears in our "Music and Drama" column. A strong cast, which further includes Messrs. John Ardizoni and Donald Bowles, Misses Celia Ghilord, Nancye Stewart, and Mildred Warren, ensure the success of the farce.

THEATRE ROYAL.—ALLEN DOONE.

The return of Allen Doone should prove a popular event at the Theatre Royal, where that Irish actor-manager will open his season on Monday afternoon (2 p.m.) and evening, with another holiday matinee next Saturday (New Year's Day). The new drama "O'Leary, V.C." will be staged with the singing comedian as hero, and Edna Keeley as the romance heroine. A military tableau will show an attack on the Turkish position at Gallipoli, in which 20 returned soldiers from the Dardanelles, trained by Sergt.-Major Bob Carnie (their war and Australian), will scale a wall 20ft. high under fusillade fire, and plant the Union Jack on top. This tableau is now in course of compilation, and intending vendors will facilitate their task by giving particulars of their stock as early as possible.

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FOR SALE.
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Under instructions from THE INTERCOLONIAL INVESTMENT CO., LTD., 4 and 6 Castlereagh-street, city.

AT FAULCONBRIDGE, 1500ft ELEVATION.
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AUCTION SALE, ON THE GROUND, ANNIVERSARY DAY, WEDNESDAY, 26th JANUARY, 1916.

TORRENS TITLE.

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Deep Water-frontages are better than sovereigns—for they increase in value all the time.

POPE'S ESTATE, KANGAROO POINT, NEAR COMO, GEORGE'S RIVER, FOR AUCTION NEW YEAR'S DAY.

22 Water-frontage Lots, 7 Main Road Lots, and the Waterside Cottage. Splendidly situated, with fine views, easy distance by launch from Como, or from Sans Souci, or by road via Tom Ugly's.

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ADVANCES made on Proposed Subdivisions of Land for intending Auction.

MANLY, NEAR GOLF LINKS. MANLY.

SUBDIVISION SALE OF CHOICE BUILDING SITES. The balance of the GOLF VIEW ESTATE, MANLY, OVERLOOKING the GOLF LINKS, and within an EASY WALKING DISTANCE of the OCEAN BEACH; close to the TRAMS on PITTWATER-ROAD. Also

7 ACRES 1 ROOD 18 PERCHES, being portion 9 of Wentworth's Manly Vale Estate, having frontages to CONDAMINE-STREET and STUART-ROAD. IN ONE LOT.

LITHOGRAPHS of the SUBDIVISION and the above FARM BLOCK available from the Auctioneers.

TERMS OF SALE: TEN PER CENT. DEPOSIT, balance £1 PER LOT PER MONTH, interest 5 per cent.

This time, POSITIVE CLEARANCE SALE. A GREAT OPPORTUNITY. to purchase CHEAP, GOOD BUILDING SITES in the great SEASIDE SUBURB OF MANLY.

TAKE THE TRAM to the TRAM DEPOT, near GOLF LINKS, and the ESTATE is only 5 MINUTES' WALK THEREFROM. INSPECT DURING THE HOLIDAYS, and ATTEND THE SALE, and NOTE THE LIBERAL TERMS.

Torrens Title.

Auction Sale on the Ground, 3 o'clock, SATURDAY, JANUARY 8.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, LTD., AUCTIONEERS, 92 PITT-STREET. (1882)

AUSTINMER.

A Surf-bathing Resort, on the South Coast, within 2 hours from Sydney.

NOTE.—The WATER and ELECTRIC LIGHT are laid on to Streets and Dwellings of this Select Village. ***During the last six months MANY ATTRACTIVE BUNGALOWS have been erected in this fashionable watering place.

"ST. CLAIR," a faithfully-built and comfortable BUNGALOW, fronting the main road from Railway Station to the Beach. It is only 2 minutes from the Surf. It was designed and erected under Messrs. WATERHOUSE and LAKE, Architects. The exterior is of weatherboards, on brick foundation, iron roof, verandah, 5 rooms, bathroom, dressing-room, kitchen, and pantry. Water supply throughout. ***The bedrooms are fitted with wardrobes, dressing tables, etc., detached motor garage and laundry. The land has 45 feet frontage, with a depth extending to lane at rear.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by Auction, at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, 14th January, at 11.30 a.m., St. Clair, a comfortable and desirable Bungalow, at Austinmer, a charming place on South Coast. ***The railway line is being duplicated, and it is expected that some of the present tunnels will not be used in the near future. Torrens Title. Inspection particularly invited. Terms at Sale. (1875)

EXETER, JUST BEYOND MOSS VALE, only 3 minutes' walk of the Railway Station, close to the School of Arts, Church of England, and Stores, and almost opposite the Post-office. A SUITABLE POSITION for large BOARDING-HOUSE, HOTEL, or any OTHER BUSINESS. 5 ACRES 1 ROOD 24 PERCHES, having 200ft to the SUTTON FOREST-ROAD x 504ft, adjoining the residence of F. N. Yarwood, Esq. Lots 6 and 7, Section 5, Vine Lodge Estate, close to Yates' and Searle's Nurseries. IN ONE OR TWO LOTS, as per plan on view at the Rooms. AUCTION SALE at the Rooms, 92 Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 14th JANUARY, 1916, at 11.30 a.m.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd. (1915)

SHOP PROPERTY in KING-STREET, NEWTOWN, opposite FORBES-STREET and STATE FISH SHOP.

TWO Brick-built SHOPS and Dwellings, Nos. 17 and 19 KING-STREET, NEWTOWN, returning £130 per annum. Land 40 feet to King-street and 39 feet 1 inch to Campbell-street, depth through 160 feet.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, LTD., will sell by auction, at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, 14th January, at 11.30 a.m. The above investment in King-street, Newtown. TITLE TORRENS. Messrs. PIGOTT and STINSON, Solicitors of owner. (1878)

LAWSON, BLUE MOUNTAINS.

PHILCARRA, a well-positioned and faithfully-built COTTAGE, fronting main Western road, on south side of Railway, close to the Residence of C. Hoskins, and only 10 minutes from Railway Station. The Land has 66 feet frontage, by depth of 212 feet on one side and 195 feet on the other side. Torrens Title. ***Inspection of this substantial, comfortable, and well-designed Cottage is invited. Gas in each room.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction, at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, 14th January, at 11.30 a.m. The above Cottage, full particulars of which will appear in future advertisement. (1877)

In the Estate late L. J. Darling.

MANLY, CLOSE TO OCEAN FRONT, almost opposite McKie's Bakery, and close to the Tram Depot.

A Two-story RESIDENCE known as OCEAN HOUSE, fronting the PITTWATER-ROAD, next Convent Grounds. Land 50 feet x 114 feet on one side, and 94 feet 8 inches on the other. RENTAL £34/10/ PER ANNUM. John J. Paine and Co., Windsor, Solicitors to the Estate. Auction Sale at the Rooms, 92 Pitt-street, on on FRIDAY, 14th JANUARY, at 11.30 a.m.

RICHARDSON AND WRENCH, LTD. (1872)

KATOOMBA.

A BUSINESS POSITION, comprising a Weatherboard COTTAGE, on brick foundation, fronting WARATAH-STREET, between Katoomba-street and Lucline street. It has verandah, hall, 5 rooms, dressing-room, pantry, and kitchen, detached bathroom, and washhouse. Land 45ft x 90ft along Waratah-avenue, back to a lane. Torrens Title. Occupied by Mr. Hollier. Auction Sale at the Rooms, 92 Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 14th JANUARY, at 11.30 a.m.

RICHARDSON AND WRENCH, LTD. (1871)

FOR POSITIVE SALE, by Order of the MORTGAGEE.

1st.—GRANVILLE—GUILDFORD. Allotment 26, Sec. 5, 40ft to Blaxcell-street by 155ft, Torrens.
2nd.—BANKSTOWN.—Allotment 1, Sec. H., about 50ft to Hydra-street by 218ft to Marr-st, Torrens.
3rd.—Near LIVERPOOL, 40 ACRES, being blocks 1 to 4, Sec. 2, on deposited plan 2756, and part of Fidkin's 700-acre grant, off Main Southern-road, Torrens.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction, at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, January 14, at 11.30 a.m., the above. Plans on view. (1866)

PRINCES HILL, EASTWOOD.

A Weatherboard COTTAGE, on Lot 11, Princes Hill Est., 48 feet 9½ inches to DARVALL-ROAD, near Leyton-avenue, x 102 feet. Torrens Title. Gas and city water. By order of the Mortgagee, for whom Frank W. Lee, Esq., 44 Castlereagh-street, is Solicitor. Auction Sale, at the rooms, 92 Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 14th JANUARY, at 11.30 a.m.

RICHARDSON AND WRENCH, LTD. (1870)

BONDI BEACH FRONTAGE. OPPOSITE THE BANDSTAND, and at TRAM TERMINUS.

A VALUABLE BUSINESS SITE, 40 feet 1½ inches to PRETORIA-PARADE, and 126 feet 8½ inches to ROSCOE-STREET (south side), RIGHT in the SHOP CENTRE. Torrens Title. Auction Sale, at the Rooms, 92 Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 14th JANUARY, at 11.30 a.m.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, LTD. (1880)

BANKSIA.

ALLOTMENT, having 40 feet frontage to Woodford-road, off Arlington-street, by a depth of 155 feet, being Lot —, Mount View Estate. An elevated level position, being only 4 minutes from the Railway Station.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction, at the Rooms, 92 Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 14th January. The above excellent Building Site. Torrens. Plan on View. (1878)

In the Estate late Eliza R. Kalucy, LEICHHARDT.

A Detached COTTAGE, known as Eugene, No. 45, ELSWICK-STREET, between Jarrett and Renss streets. Land 30ft x 160ft.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, LTD., will sell by auction, at the Rooms, 92 Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, at 11.30 a.m., the above Cottage, at Leichhardt. (1870)

RANDWICK SOUTH, NEAR SNAPE PARK. A BUILDING SITE, Lot 7 of small subdivision, 50ft to SNAPE-STREET (south side), between Broad-road and Snape Park, depth 120ft. Torrens. Plan on view. Auction Sale at Rooms, 92 Pitt-street, FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, at 11.30 a.m.

RICHARDSON AND WRENCH, LTD. (1868)

AUCTION SALES.

OCEAN FRONT, DEE WHY, just beyond BROOKVALE, Between MANLY AND NARRABEEN. SUBDIVISION SALE OF THE DELMAR PARK ESTATE, No. 4, FRONTING PACIFIC-PARADE, between PITTWATER-ROAD AND OCEAN BEACH. TORRENS TITLE. AUCTION SALE ON THE GROUND, 3 O'CLOCK, SATURDAY, 15th JANUARY.

Lithographs obtainable from the Auctioneers. GET ONE. INSPECT DURING THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

TERMS OF SALE: 5 per cent. deposit, balance 20 quarterly payments. Interest 5 per cent.

RICHARDSON AND WRENCH, LTD., Auctioneers, 92 Pitt-street, city. (1884)

LIVERPOOL TOWN PROPERTY. SUBDIVISION SALE of HENDON ESTATE, comprising TWO COTTAGES, known as Hendon and Passefield, and THREE OTHER COTTAGES, SIX CHOICE BUILDING SITES, fronting HIGH-STREET, opposite TERMINUS-STREET, CASTLEREAGH, NORFOLK, and SHORT STREETS. Also TWO BUILDING SITES, fronting CHARLES-STREET. Liberal Terms. Title will be Torrens. Lithos obtainable from the Auctioneers, or at Scrivener's Store, Liverpool.

5 per cent. discount for cash.

Auction Sale on the ground, 3.30 p.m., SATURDAY, JANUARY 29, by order of the EXECUTORS ESTATE LATE MRS. C. A. SCRIVENER. Messrs. Dibbs, Parker, and Parker, Solicitors to the Estate.

RICHARDSON AND WRENCH, LTD. (1869)

ASHFIELD SOUTH, close to HURLSTONE PARK TRAM TERMINUS. SUBDIVISION SALE of JEFFREY'S ESTATE, No. 7, fronting QUEEN-STREET AND WOOLFORD-STREET, close to HANKS-STREET.

Torrens Title. Building Covenant. TERMS OF SALE: One-tenth deposit, balance 20 quarterly payments, interest 5 per cent. Lithographs will be available in a few days. Auction Sale on the ground 3 o'clock, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., AUCTIONEERS. (1867)

MATSON CITY.
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AT THE HEAD OF YOWIE BAY.

PICTURESQUE, PANORAMIC, AND PERMANENT VIEWS.

MATSON CITY occupies an unrivalled situation at the head of YOWIE BAY, that beautiful Arm of the Sea, well-known as the most Picturesque Bay of PORT HACKING, with the deepest water, the finest water frontages, and the most charming views in this justly celebrated and favourite waterside resort.

AUCTION SALE, ON THE GROUND, ANNIVERSARY DAY, JANUARY 26, 1916.

THE FIRST SUBDIVISION comprises 125 large Lots, facing well-made and accessible roads; some are ABSOLUTE WATER FRONTAGES, and all command such enchanting views that they are almost as valuable as if they were.

EVERY LOT HAS ACCESS TO THE WATER.

ONLY 3 MINUTES FROM THE TRAM (alight at Kareena-road stop).

10 MINUTES FROM CRONULLA and its GLORIOUS SURF BATHING BEACH.

IDEAL POSITION FOR WEEK-END COTTAGES, with exceptional facilities for BATHING, BOATING, FISHING.

THE SHORES TEEM WITH OYSTERS.

SURF BATHING WITHIN EASY REACH.

EXCEPTIONALLY EASY TERMS: Only £1 deposit, and 10/ per month; interest 5 per cent.

TORRENS TITLE. TORRENS TITLE.

SEVERAL GOOD COTTAGES and BOATSHED are already erected on the Estate.

LITHOS. ON APPLICATION.

C. H. CRAMMOND, AUCTIONEER, 76 PITT-STREET, SYDNEY; in conjunction with LANCE GIDDINGS, CRONULLA.

HAWKESBURY RIVER PROPERTIES.

IMPERATIVE SALE TO DISSOLVE PARTNERSHIP.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO GRAZIERS, STOCK DEALERS, FARMERS, MARKET GARDENERS, AND OTHERS.

J. E. JAMES has been favoured with instructions to sell by Public Auction at his Rooms, George-st, Windsor, on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5th, 1916, at 3 o'clock sharp, all that very fine Grazing Property, containing 745 acres, 500 acres of which is all flat alluvial land suitable for maize, potatoes, or market gardening, divided into 7 paddocks, 10 acres under crop, 8 acres mixed fruit, coming into bearing, very nice young orchard. A new Cottage of 4 rooms, 9 feet verandah back and front, hay and cart sheds, chaffhouse, bails, stockyards, and poultry runs, permanently watered. Boat conveys stock and produce direct to Sydney. Situated 11 miles from Windsor. The property will carry at least 300 head of stock, and has now come through our dry period, which has been the driest on record, and is now carrying 200 head, half of which are horses. This in itself should recommend stockowners to inspect this very fine property, as it is one of the finest dry weather properties in the State. Always being well grassed, it would make an excellent subdivision for market gardening. TITLE TORRENS.

All that 290 Acres, situated about 4 miles from Richmond and Windsor, divided into paddocks, and having a frontage to the Hawkesbury River. This Property is also good grazing land, or would subdivide for orchards or mixed farming. The land is practically level, and situated in an elevated position overlooking both Windsor and Richmond.

The auctioneer with confidence can recommend intending purchasers to inspect both these properties, as the opportunity seldom occurs for the chance of securing the like. The sole reason for Selling is that they are Dissolving Partnership.

For full particulars and inspection by appointment,

J. E. JAMES, Auctioneer, WINDSOR. 'Phone 5.

THE RUSSELL ESTATE, ALBION PARK—ILLAWARRA DISTRICT.

RICH DAIRYING AND AGRICULTURAL FARMS, UNSURPASSED FOR POTATOES, MAIZE, LUCERNE, VEGETABLES, FODDER CROPS, ARTIFICIAL GRASSES, AND DAIRYING.

IN 20 BLOCKS, GRAZING AREAS AND TOWN PROPERTIES, FOR AUCTION SALE, AT ALBION PARK, on WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, AT 1 O'CLOCK.

BY ORDER OF M. MATHER, ESQ., ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE.

LITHOGRAPHS on application to

STEWART AND MORTON, Berry and Nowra; O'DONNELL and STUMBLES, Wollongong, Auctioneers in Conjunction. OWEN and SON, Wollongong, Solicitors to Estate.

AUCTION SALES.

AN EXCEPTIONAL CHANCE.

EDGECLIFF-ROAD, WOOLLAHRA.

FREEHOLDS TORRENS TITLE. Part of Macpherson's Estate. 4 VERY DESIRABLE RESIDENCES. opposite "QUIRAING," House and Grounds, between Trelawney and Wellington streets, close to tram.

LOT 1.—"BURCKHARDT LODGE," DETACHED VILLA RESIDENCE, built of stone and brick, with tiled and iron roof, containing porch, hall, 4 rooms, kitchen, laundry, servant's room, kitchenette, w.b. bathroom and lavatory, small balcony. SUBLET as Residential Flats, monthly tenancy. LAND 32 feet 7½ inches to EDGECLIFF-ROAD, by irregular and great depths. Side entrance from right-of-way at side. Garden and lawn.

LOT 2.—"OAKLANDS," Detached Residence of Brick on Stone, tiled and iron roof, verandah, hall, drawing, dining, and sitting rooms, kitchen, pantry, maid's room; upstairs, 5 bedrooms, good bathroom (enamel bath, heater, part lead floor, lavatory), det. w.b. laundry, man's room, lumber-room. Tenant, Mrs. Thompson (2 months' tenancy). LAND, 71 feet to Edgecliff-road, by large depth. Garden. Large block of land at rear, suitable for tennis court.

LOT 3.—"LEITH," Detached Modern Residence of brick on stone, tiled front verandah, hall, double drawing-room, small dining-room, kitchen, maids' room; upstairs, 3 bedrooms, balconies, bathroom, (lead floor, enamel bath, wash basin, and lavatory), linen press, laundry, etc. ALL IN SPLENDID ORDER, WELL DECORATED. Tenant, Mrs. Rankin (2 months' tenancy). LAND about 75 feet 9¾ inches to EDGECLIFF-ROAD, by great depth. Well-kept garden and lawn. Large block at rear, suitable for tennis court.

LOT 4.—"DARRAH," DETACHED MODERN RESIDENCE, of brick on stone, tiled and iron roof, having tiled front verandah, hall, double sitting-room, large bedroom, bathroom (enamel bath), kitchen, maids' room, large sleeping-out verandah at rear. Lavatory, laundry. UPSTAIRS: Sitting-room, enclosed balcony, 2 bedrooms, bathroom (lead floor, wash basin, lavatory), back balcony. Sublet as Residential Flats. Lease about 13 months to run. LAND about 27 feet 11 inches to EDGECLIFF-ROAD, by great depths. Large block at rear, suitable for tennis court. Nice garden and lawn.

PLANS, showing measurements of the different Blocks of Land, may be inspected at the Auctioneers' Office.

*** Inspection only by card from the Auctioneers.

TERMS OF SALE.—Either cash or ⅓ cash, balance in 3 or 5 years, at 5 per cent. interest.

MESSRS. McDONELL and MOFFIT, Wynyard-street, Solicitors to the Vendors.

HARDIE and GORMAN PROPRIETARY, Ltd. (in conjunction with L. H. VINCENT, of Woollahra) have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, at the Sale Rooms, 133 Pitt-street, at 11.30 o'clock on WEDNESDAY, 12th JANUARY, 1916. The above-described very desirable Residences at EDGECLIFF-ROAD, WOOLLAHRA.

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.

A MAGNIFICENT BLOCK OF CITY LAND, SUITABLE FOR THE ERECTION OF WAREHOUSES, FACTORIES, STORES, or BUSINESS PREMISES GENERALLY. FOR SALE IN 1 LINE or ALLOTMENTS.

CITY OF SYDNEY. SUSSEX, BATHURST, AND KENT STS. possessing the following measurements:— About 134 FEET TO SUSSEX-STREET, About 134 FEET TO BATHURST-STREET, About 54 FEET TO KENT-STREET, By Great Depths.

Adjoining the new premises to be shortly occupied by W. D. and H. O. Wills (Australia), Ltd., close to the Wharves and the Day-street Resumption area, and in a fast improving part of the city.

THE BUILDINGS on the land comprise Stores and Houses, Nos. 298 to 302 Sussex-street, Nos. 69 to 75 Bathurst-street, and Nos. 515 to 519 Kent-street, WHICH ARE QUITE UNWORTHY OF THE SITE.

Plan may be inspected at the Auctioneers' Office.

Very easy terms may be arranged for at a low rate of interest.

HARDIE AND GORMAN PROPRIETARY, LTD. (in conjunction with Arthur Rickard and Co., Ltd.), have received instructions to sell by public auction at the Sale Rooms, 133 Pitt-street, at 11.30 o'clock, on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 1916, the above described large and valuable Block of City Property.

ESTATE LATE JOHN SANDS, ESQ. BONDI, 2 Minutes from Tram, between the Bondi-road and Birrell-street.

THAT COMMODIOUS FAMILY RESIDENCE, known as KAROLA, BENNETT-STREET, Built of brick, slate roof, containing Entrance Hall, Verandahs, and Balcony, 4 Reception and 4 Bed Rooms, 2 Maids' Rooms, Servants' Hall, 2 Bathrooms, Kitchen, Larder, etc, Man's Room, Workshop, Bush-house. LAND, 84 feet to BENNETT-STREET, by a depth of 280 feet through to PARK-PARADE (overlooking Waverley Park), to which the frontage is 84 feet. If desired, the House may be purchased without the land fronting Park-parade. TORRENS TITLE. Cards to view from the Auctioneers. Immediate possession can be given. EASTERLY ASPECT. GLORIOUS OCEAN VIEWS. EASY TERMS, with greater portion of purchase money remaining for 3 or 5 years, can be arranged. Estate's Solicitor: S. E. COOK, Esq., 113 Pitt-street.

HARDIE and GORMAN PROPRIETARY, LTD. (in conjunction with O'BRIEN BROS., Bondi), have received instructions to sell the above by Public Auction, in the Rooms, 133 Pitt-street, at 11.30 o'clock on WEDNESDAY, 12th JANUARY, 1916.

WENTWORTH FALLS, BLUE MOUNTAINS.

Convenient to Station, with SPLENDID VIEWS, at rear of "Wentworth House."

MODERN COTTAGE HOME, fronting BLAXLAND-RD, running back to HUME-AVENUE, of RUSTICATED REDWOOD on brick foundations and piers, iron roof, lath and plaster walls, 8ft verandahs, hall, 5 rooms, verandah room, kitchen, laundry, bathroom, fernery, etc. Well fitted and finished throughout. Lawns, gardens, and trees. Room for tennis court. LAND about 2 ACRES 28½ PERCHES in extent, or less if desired. INCLUDED in sale are Furniture and Effects on the property.

HARDIE and GORMAN PROPRIETARY, Ltd., have received instructions to sell the above by Public Auction, in the Rooms, 133 Pitt-street, at 11.30 o'clock on WEDNESDAY, 12th JANUARY, 1916.

STRATHFIELD, 2 minutes from station, a few doors from the Boulevard.

AIREDALE, THE AVENUE.—A highly attractive modern Cottage Home, of brick, slate roof, spacious tiled verandahs, drawing, dining, and breakfast rooms, 4 bedrooms, kitchen (gas stove), laundry, bathroom (heater and basin), sleeping-out verandah. MOTOR GARAGE and entrance. Lawns and Gardens. Electric lighting throughout. Land 60 feet to The Avenue, by depth of 175 feet. Title Torrens.

Cards to view from the Auctioneers.

HARDIE AND GORMAN PROPRIETARY, LTD., have received instructions to sell the above by Public Auction, in the Rooms, 133 Pitt-street, at 11.30 o'clock, on WEDNESDAY, 12th JANUARY, 1916.

MAROUBRA. RIGHT AT THE BEACH. A GLORIOUS POSITION.

FOUR PICKED SITES for Sale, together or separately. MAROUBRA BEACH ESTATE (Section 5).
LOT 16.—61ft 10½in to PARADE, by 125ft 6⅝in, and 100ft 0½in, 52ft 3⅛in at rear.
LOT 17.—84ft 2¼in to PARADE, by 150ft 9⅛in, and 125ft 6⅝in, 52ft 3⅛in at rear.
LOTS 6 and 7.—Each 50ft to BOND-STREET x 178ft, and 147ft 4in, about, 53ft 3in each at rear.
Plan at the Salerooms. Torrens.
TERMS: One-fifth cash, balance 3 years at 5 per cent. interest.

HARDIE and GORMAN PROPRIETARY, LTD., will sell the above by Public Auction at 133 Pitt-street, at 11.30 o'clock, on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 1916.

WATER FRONTAGES.

TUGGERAH LAKES.

66 ABSOLUTE WATER FRONTAGES.

WALLARAH POINT ESTATE.

AUCTION SALE, SATURDAY, NEW YEAR'S DAY.

CLEAN BEACH FRONTAGES.

Trains leave Sydney at 8.35 and 9.20 a.m. day of sale. Special free Launch Tahloo will leave Wyong Jetty at 12.30, returning same afternoon.

TITLE TORRENS. EASY TERMS. PLANS READY.

RAINE AND HORNE, AUCTIONEERS, RAINE-CHAMBERS, 70 PITT-STREET.

AUCTION SALES.

RAINE AND HORNE, 70 PITT-STREET, AUCTIONEERS, LAND AND ESTATE AGENTS, ATTORNEYS UNDER POWER, AND VALUATORS.

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RENTS AND INTERESTS, ETC., COLLECTED.

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BY ORDER OF MRS. CECILY McQUADE AND THE PERMANENT TRUSTEE COMPANY OF N.S.W., LTD., Trustees in the Estate of the late WILLIAM McQUADE.

CENTRAL CITY INVESTMENT, NOS. 297 and 299 GEORGE-STREET.

ALMOST OPPOSITE HUNTER-STREET, BETWEEN MARGARET-STREET and WYNYARD-STREET, QUITE CLOSE TO THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, AND ALL THE LEADING FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS OF THE CITY.

THE LAND has a frontage of about 24 feet 6 inches to the west side of GEORGE-STREET, by a depth of about 91 feet through to WYNYARD-LANE, at the rear.

THE BUILDINGS FACING GEORGE-STREET ARE OF BRICK, CEMENTED AND PAINTED, ON STONE FOUNDATIONS, AND COMPRISE SHOP ON THE GROUND FLOOR, AND TWO FLOORS ABOVE, WHICH ARE APPROACHED BY A SEPARATE WIDE ENTRANCE FROM GEORGE-STREET.

On the WYNYARD LANE frontage is a Store with basement and three floors.

THIS PROPERTY IS IN THE HEART OF THE CITY, AND ITS CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE PROPOSED ENTRANCE FROM GEORGE-STREET TO THE CENTRAL CITY RAILWAY STATION IN WYNYARD SQUARE MUST ADD CONSIDERABLY TO ITS VALUE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

FREEHOLD TITLE.

RAINE and HORNE have been instructed to sell the above CENTRAL CITY INVESTMENT BY PUBLIC AUCTION, in the Rooms, 70 PITT-STREET, SYDNEY, on THURSDAY, 6th JANUARY, 1916, at 11.30 a.m.

Vendors' Solicitors: Messrs. CECIL A. COGHLAN and CO., 104 Pitt-st.

AT RISK OF FORMER PURCHASER. OATLEY.

FINE HIGH BUILDING BLOCK, CLOSE TO THE STATION. HALF AN ACRE, having 151 feet to WARATAH-ST, and 165 feet along MULGA-ST. Lots 9 and 10, Section 10, Gungah Bay Estate, No. 2. TORRENS.

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BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

INVESTMENT SPECULATION, TEMPE.

FOUR DOUBLE-FRONTED COTTAGES, NOS. 1, 3, 5, and 7 SOUTH-STREET. MODERN DESIGN, BUILT OF BRICK, each with verandahs front and rear, and containing HALL, 4 LARGE ROOMS, KITCHEN, pantry, bathroom, and washhouse. RENTS £182. LAND 136 x 120 FEET.

TITLE TORRENS.

CLOSE TO TRAM, FANNING-STREET STOP.

Solicitors: T. Machell and Co., 82 Pitt-street.

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CITY. WOOLLOOMOOLOO.

A GOOD BUILDING SITE, PALMER-STREET.

52 x 95 ft., with access to lane at rear.

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Adjoining the works of Moffat, Virtue, Ltd.

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KAREENA ESTATE, KAREENA ESTATE.

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EASY TERMS.—Only £1 per lot deposit, balance £1 per lot per month, interest 5 per cent. on balances, right to pay off. On Lot 1 is a comfortable 5-ROOMED COTTAGE, with good verandahs, fowl runs, etc., and frontage to tram line. Terms: ONLY £50 down, balance 15s per week.

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PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

THE STATION ESTATE, A FINE SUBDIVISION, RIGHT OPPOSITE THE RAILWAY STATION at FAULCONBRIDGE, That Coming Mountain 'Centre, just beyond Springwood.

FOR PUBLIC AUCTION, ON THE GROUND, SATURDAY, 22nd JANUARY, 1916, at 3.30 O'CLOCK.

Special Railway Tickets Obtainable from this Office.

HALLORAN'S USUAL EASY TERMS: £1 deposit and 10/ monthly for each £25 of purchase money.

Plans will be Ready in a few days. HENRY F. HALLORAN AND CO., Auctioneers, etc., 82 Pitt-street, Sydney.

CALLS AND DIVIDENDS ON SHARES.

COBAR GLADSTONE MINING COMPANY, NO LIABILITY. NOTICE OF DIVIDEND. Notice is hereby given that an Interim Dividend (No. 8) of sixpence (6d) per Share has THIS DAY been declared, due and payable on and after the 15th DAY OF JANUARY, 1916. Transfer Books will be open till the 1st DAY OF JANUARY, 1916. By Order of the Board, A. E. MOORE, Legal Manager.

Wrightville, 22nd Dec., 1915.

CHURCH SERVICES.

Church of England.

CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW. CHRISTMAS DAY. 10.30, Mattins. Preacher, HIS GRACE THE ARCHBISHOP. 11 a.m., Choral Communion; 6 p.m., Intercessions for the War. 7 p.m., Evensong and CAROLS. Preacher, HIS GRACE THE ARCHBISHOP. SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS, DECEMBER 26. 8 a.m. and 11 a.m., Holy Communion. 11 a.m., Mattins. Preacher Archdeacon D'Arcy-Irvine. 3.15, Organ Recital and Carols. Address, the Rev. the Precentor. 6 p.m., Intercessions for the war. 7 p.m., Evensong, Anthem Carols. Preacher, His Grace the Archbishop. DECEMBER 31, FRIDAY, CLOSE OF THE YEAR. 1 p.m., United Intercessions for the war. 11.30 p.m., Watchnight Service. Address, the Rev. the Precentor.

ALL SAINTS', WOOLLAHRA.

CHRISTMAS DAY. 7 a.m., Holy Communion; 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 10.30 a.m., Mattins, Sermon, and Holy Communion (preacher, Rev. W. L. Langley); 7.30 p.m., Evensong.

SUNDAY, ST. STEPHEN'S DAY. 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Mattins, Sermon, and Holy Communion (preacher, the Rev. W. L. Langley); 7.15 p.m., Evensong and Sermon (preacher, Rev. ... Stephen, B.A.

CHRISTMAS DAY, ST. PHILIP'S, CHURCH HILL. ... and 10.30 a.m. (H.C.), Canon Bellingham. Sunday Services: 11 a.m., Rev. J. F. Chapple, M.A.; 7.15 p.m. (H.C.), Canon Bellingham, M.A.

CHRIST CHURCH, S. LAURENCE.—Christmas Day. ... 8.30, Holy Communion; 10.30, Matins, High Celebration (Ireland in C), Procession, and Sermon (preacher, Rt. Rev. Bishop Stone-Wigg); 7 p.m., Litany, 7.15, Evensong, Sermon, and Procession.

HOLY TRINITY, DULWICH HILL.—To-day, 6.30, 8, ... at 8 p.m. Carols. To-morrow, 8, H.C.; 11, Rev. Canon Goddard, M.A.; 7.15, Rev. T. L. Yarrington, M.A.

ST. JOHN'S, Milson's Pt.—Holy Communion, 7.30 and ... midday: Morn. Service, 10.30 a.m.

ST. STEPHEN'S, Hurlstone Park.—To-day, 10.30, H.C. To-morrow, 11 and 7, Rev. W. Gurnett.

ST. MARY'S, Waverley. H.C., 6.15, 7.15, 8.15; Matins, ... Choral Eucharist and Sermon, 11.

ST. SIMON'S, Campbell-st.—Christmas Day (11 a.m. ...), Rev. R. B. S. Hammond. Sunday, 11 a.m., ... Yeates, 7.15, Rev. R. B. S. Hammond.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, NORTH SYDNEY. CHRISTMAS SERVICES. REV. A. J. WADE, 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

ST. JOHN'S, Milson's Pt.—Xmas Day, H.C., 7.15 a.m. ... and midday: morning service at 10.30 a.m. ... H.C. 8 a.m.; Morn. Ser., 11; Carols, 7.15.

ST. PAUL'S, Chatswood.—8, Holy Communion; 11, Mattins and Sermon. Preacher, Rev. Hugh Herd-... Evensong and Sermon. Preacher, the Rev. ... Christmas Carols after evening service.

ST. SILAS, WATERLOO.—CHRISTMAS DAY. 8 ... 11 a.m., H.C. 7.30, service. SUNDAY: ... 3 p.m., and 7.15. Subject: "The Past." Howell Price.

ST. PETER'S, off Bourke-street, near William-st. Christmas Day: 7.30, H.C.; 10.30, H.C.; the ... p.m., Carols and Sacred Music. Sunday: 11 and 7.15. Preacher, Rev. S. H. Denman.

ST. PAUL'S, REDFERN.—Christmas Day, 8 and 11 ... Archdeacon Boyce. Sunday: 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., Children; Archdeacon Boyce; 7.15, Rev. J. Watkinson.

ST. BARNABAS', GEORGE-STREET WEST. ... H.C. ... Rector. Soloist, Miss Gladys Wahlberg. 7.30, Rev. R. R. Robinson. Sunday: 8, H.C.; 11, Rev. R. R. Robinson, 7, Rector. 31st, Watchnight, 11.15 p.m. Rector.

ST. JOHN'S, Bishopthorpe, Glebe. TO-DAY, 7 and 8, H.C. 11, Mattins and H.C. Rev. O. V. Abram. Sub.: "... and the Xmas Message." 7.15, Evensong. Gen's. and War Intercession. To-morrow: 8, H.C., 11, Matins and War Litany, the Rector; 7.15, Evensong, Rev. ... Friday, 31st, Watchnight Service, 11.15.

ST. NICHOLAS' CHURCH, COOGEE, TODAY, 7.30 ... H.C., 10.30, Morning Prayer and H.C., the Rector. Anthem, "Christians Awake." TO-MORROW: 8 a.m., H.C.; 11, Rev. A. C. Morris; anthem, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem"; 7.15, the Rector. Solo, Mr. Coggeshall, and Carols.

ST. CLEMENT'S, Marrickville, Xmas Day. Holy Communion, 7 and 8 a.m., 11 a.m. (H.C.), Archdeacon Martin, M.A.; 8 p.m., Special Xmas Music by the Choir, assisted by Miss Dorothy ... (Violinist), Mrs. T. Kirkland (Soprano), and Mr. W. ... (Tenor). SUNDAY AFTER XMAS, 11 a.m., Rev. W. Tugwell; 3 p.m., Children's Service; 7.15, Archdeacon Martin. Carols by Choir.

ST. MATTHIAS', PADDINGTON.—Christmas Day. Holy Communion, 7 a.m., 8 a.m., and 11 a.m. Preacher, Rev. S. G. FIELDING. Carols and Musical Service, 7 p.m. Soloists: Mrs. Turner, Messrs. H. ... Willis, F. Jackson, ... Sunday, 26th: H.C., 8 a.m., 11 a.m. ... RECTOR; 7.15 p.m., Evensong and Carols. Preacher, Rev. E. LUMSDAINE.

ST. JOHN'S, DARLINGHURST. CHRISTMAS DAY. Holy Communion, 6.45 and 8 a.m. Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, 10.30 a.m. The Rector. Evening Prayer and Carols, 7.15 p.m.

SUNDAY. Holy Communion, 8 and 11 a.m. The Rector, 11 a.m. Rev. ... Hey, 7.15 p.m.

ST. CLEMENT'S CHURCH, MOSMAN. SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES TO-DAY. H.C., 6.30, 8, and 11 a.m. ... Mattins and Sermon. Preacher, the Rector. Anthem ... "O Thou that Tellest." Recital. ... Carols and Special Organ Selections.

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS, Dec. 26. H.C., 8 a.m. ... Mattins and Sermon. Preacher, the Rector. Anthem, "O Thou that Tellest," Handel. 7.15 p.m., Choral Evensong and Sermon. Preacher, Rev. L. A. Chambers, M.A. Anthem, "Hallelujah," Handel. Rev. ... LIVE YARRINGTON, M.A., B.D., Rector.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, NORTH SYDNEY. CHRISTMAS DAY. 6 a.m., Holy Communion, 7 a.m., Holy Communion. 8 a.m., Holy Communion. 10 a.m., Mattins (in the Chapel). 11 a.m., CHORAL EUCHARIST and SERMON. Preacher, The Rector. 3.30 p.m., Evensong (in the Chapel). 8 p.m., CAROL SERVICE. Special offerings throughout the day for Church Funds. SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS. Christmas services and Music continued. 8 a.m., Holy Communion, 11 a.m., Mattins and Sermon. Preacher, Rev. PERCIVAL SHARP, B.A. 3.15 p.m., United Schools' Service, Preacher, Rev. ... 7.30 p.m., Festal Evensong, Carols and Sermon, Preacher, Rev. HORACE CROTTY, M.A.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, KING-STREET.

CHRISTMAS DAY, SATURDAY, DEC. 25. 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 9 a.m., Holy Communion. 10.30 a.m., Mattins. 11 a.m., Choral Eucharist, Procession, and Sermon. Preacher, The Rev. W. F. Wentworth Sheilds, M.A. 7.15 p.m., Evensong and Carols.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26th. 8 a.m., Holy Communion. 9 a.m., Holy Communion. 10.30 a.m., Mattins. 11 a.m., Choral Eucharist, Procession, and Sermon. Preacher, The Rev. W. F. Wentworth Sheilds, M.A. 3 p.m., Children's Service. 7.15 p.m., Choral Evensong, Sermon, and Carols. Preacher, The Rev. Frank Elder.

Presbyterian.

ASHFIELD, Liverpool-rd.—The Rev. W. M. Smith, at 11 a.m. and 7.15 p.m.

ANNANDALE, Hunter-Baillie.—Christmas Day, 11. Sunday, 11, 7.15. Morning subject, "How the World treated Christ." Soloist, Mrs. McDowell. Evening subject, Farewell 1915. Soloist, Mrs. Bel-dan. Preacher, Rev. J. McDOWELL.

BURWOOD, St. James's Presbyterian.—11 a.m., 7.15 p.m. Right Rev. R. Scott West (Moderator).

BONDI SCHOOL OF ARTS.—Sunday School at 3 p.m. Evening Service, 7.30 p.m.; subject, "What will you do with the Year?" Preacher, C. W. Wyatt.

CHRISTMAS DAY. ST. STEPHEN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PHILLIP-STREET.—Public Worship THIS DAY at 10 a.m. Preacher, Rev. JOHN FERGUSON.

CHALMERS CHURCH, opp. Exhibition, near Central Railway.—Special Service To-day (Xmas Day), ... 11 ... Sunday, 26th, at 11 a.m., "Reckoning up"; at 7.15 p.m., "As a Tale that is Told." Preacher, all serv., Rev. David F. Brandt.

DULWICH HILL (Constitution rd), 11 and 7.15, Rev. H. Jennings.—Xmas Hymns.

DRUMMOYNE.—Rev. S. B. Reid, Christmas Day. Service at 10 a.m.; Sunday, 11 and 7.15. Organ Recital at 7. All Welcome.

FREE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA, St. George's Church, Castlereagh-street. Rev. W. McDONALD, 11 and 7. NEW YEAR'S DAY, 7.30 A.M.

FULLERTON Memorial Church, Crown and Albion streets. Rev. A. S. C. JAMES, 11 and 7.15. Morning subj., The Magi. Evening, The Sign of the Babe.

KNOX CHURCH, Manly.—11 and 7. Evg. subject, "Christ as an Influence." Rev. J. R. M'Kimock.

LEICHHARDT.—Rev. W. Meikle, 11 a.m., In the Fulness of Time; 7.15 p.m., In a Moment of Time.

McNEILL Memorial, Denison-st, Waverley.—Mr. R. B. S. John Palmer, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

MOSMAN (Belmont-rd).—Rev. D. P. MACDONALD, 11 a.m., "THE ANGELIC ANNOUNCEMENT." 7.15 p.m., "THE STAR IN THE EAST."

PALMER-ST Pres. Ch.—Vacant, Supply. Morning and evening, Rev. G. W. McAlpine. All welcome.

PETERSHAM Presbyterian Church, West and Gordon sts. Rev. George Scott, 11 a.m. and 7.15 p.m.

RANDWICK.—Rev. J. H. TALBOT. 11, "Solemn Memories." 7.15, "Between two Opinions."

STANMORE.—Morning service, at 11; evening service, at 7.15, Rev. W. Grant Forsyth.

ST. ENOCH'S, Newtown.—11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Rev. A. Ferguson.

ST. JOHN'S, Paddington.—Rev. W. A. Williams, 11 a.m. and 7.15 p.m.

ST. DAVID'S, Haberfield.—Rev. Angus King. 11, "Through War to Peace." 7.15, "Quietness and Confidence."

ST. LUKE'S, Redfern, Christmas morning, at 10 o'clock, "WE HAVE SEEN HIS STAR IN THE EAST." Sunday Morn., THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH. Evg., THE PRINCE OF PEACE. Christmas Carols.

SCOTS CHURCH, CHURCH-HILL, corner of York and Jamieson streets. REV. THOMAS TAIT, M.A., B.D., preaches at both services. 11 a.m., "DEFERRED HOPE." 7.15 p.m., "THE RULING PASSION."

ST. STEPHEN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PHILLIP-STREET. Morning Service, 11: "UNEXPECTED BLESSINGS." Evening Service, 7: "IMPRESSIVE FEATURES OF A TRAGIC YEAR." Preacher at both Services: Rev. JOHN FERGUSON.

UNITED SERVICE OF INTERCESSION FOR THE EMPIRE AND ITS SOLDIERS.

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His Grace the Archbishop of Sydney will preside. Representatives of the Church of England, Presbyterian, Methodist, Congregational, Baptist, Churches of Christ Churches, and the Salvation Army will take part.

CHURCH SERVICES.

WAVERLEY, Charing-cross.—Rev. J. Macaulay, M.A., Sat., 10; Sun., 11, 7.15. Signs of the Times.

WOOLLAHRA.—11, "Guided by a Star"; 7.20, "Righteousness, then Peace." Special Xmas music, including, "O Divine Redeemer." Soloist, Miss Dorothy Grace. Rev. J. ANDREW BARBER, B.A.

Congregational.

ASCOT, Botany.—Rev. J. Beckenham, 11 and 7. Christmas Lessons. Special hymns and anthems.

BOURKE-ST.—Rev. C. Whyte, M.A. 11, Inviolable. Xmas Service, 7.15, Birds of Passage.

BURWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH. CHRISTMAS DAY, Divine Service, 10 a.m. SUNDAY.—11 a.m. and 7.15 p.m. At 11 a.m. a Memorial Service, the late Rev. George Campbell and Mrs. A. M. Woodhill. Rev. J. DEMPSEY, M.A.

CROYDON.—11, Rev. Lionel B. Fletcher (late of Adelaide); 7.15, Rev. Joseph Robertson, M.A.

D'SHIRE-ST Mission (Meet. 11., nr. Eliz.-st).—7.15, Xmas Message. Xmas music. Rev. A. Rivett.

EPPING.—11.10 a.m., Rev. J. Robertson, M.A.; 7 p.m., Evangelistic Service, Railway and Tramway Christian Union. Alexander's Hymns and Solos.

KILLARA.—Divine Service, Sunday morning, 11.10; evening, 7.30. Pchr., Rev. Principal Thatcher, M.A.

KOGARAH.—11, Children's Xmas Service; 7, "The Baby." People's Xmas Service. Rev. W. Toorhell.

LEICHHARDT.—Christmas Services, 11 a.m., 7 p.m., Rev. R. Stevenson. All welcome.

MOSMAN.—11 and 7.15, Rev. A. H. Austin, M.A.; evening, Memorial, reference Pte. C. F. Maddocks.

NEWTOWN.—11, "Thy King Cometh;" 7, "The Great Manifestation." Rev. J. J. Willings. Chr. music.

NORTH SYDNEY CONGREGATIONAL. Rev. F. V. Dowling, M.A., 11 a.m. and 7.15 p.m.

PYRMONT.—Rev. James Buchan, M.A., Pastor, 11 and 7. Spec. Xmas Servs., hymns, anth., carols.

PETERSHAM, Rev. W. T. Keech.—11, "A Coffin in Egypt"; 7, Organ Recital; 7.15, "Life's Rosary."

PITT-STREET.

Rev. N. J. COCKS, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. "A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE." Christmas Music.

ROCKDALE.—Rev. A. Deans, B.A. 11, Good Tidings; 7, He Who Saves. Christmas Cantata. Xmas Serv.

SUMMER HILL.—SPECIAL YEAR-END SERVICE, at 11 and 7.15. Preacher: Rev. PERCIVAL WATSON. TO-DAY, Xmas Service, at 11 a.m.

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WOOLLAHRA CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH. Rev. R. B. Reynolds, M.A., B.D., Christmas Day at 11 a.m. Sunday, at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Evangelistic Service at 7.15 p.m. Friday, Watchnight Service, at 11.

Methodist.

CENTRAL METHODIST MISSION

CHRISTMAS DAY.

LYCEUM HALL, 10 A.M. Preacher, Rev. S. J. Hoban. Conference Hall, 7.30 P.M., Song Service. Leichhardt Boys' Choir, Mrs. Williams, Mr. Wm. Bourne, and others. Rev. R. J. Williams in charge. SUNDAY SERVICES, LYCEUM HALL, 11 a.m., Rev. R. J. WILLIAMS. 7.15 p.m., Rev. S. J. HOBAN. Subject, "The Irrevocable Past." LYCEUM PEOPLE'S OWN. SENATOR DAVID WATSON will deliver a Special Address, "THE PERILS OF THE NATION." Brief Sacred Musical Programme. GREAT WATCHNIGHT SERVICE, LYCEUM HALL, FRIDAY, 31st, 11 P.M.

BOURKE-ST MISSION.—11, Rev. S. J. Hoban; 7.15, Rev. W. G. Taylor. Country visitors welcome.

MOSMAN.—11, Rev. Reavley; 7.15, Rev. Metcalfe. ... Bay.—11, Rev. Metcalfe; 7.15, Rev. Reavley.

STANMORE.—11 a.m., DR. BROMILOW. Soloist, Mrs. STEPHENS. 7.15, Rev. A. J. BURT. Soloist, Mrs. WARD.

STRATHFIELD.—Xmas Day, 10.30, Rev. H. E. Andrews; Sunday, 11, Rev. W. H. Rogers. 3, Xmas Song and Picture Service. 7.15, With Carols. Rev. H. E. Andrews.

SOUTH SYDNEY METHODIST MISSION.—All seats free. Visitors welcome. Wesley, 11, Rev. J. G. Morris Taylor; 7, Rev. G. H. Hewitt. Choice anthems. Mt. Lachlan.—11, Rev. C. J. McCoy; 7, Supply. Cleveland-street.—11, Mr. Gordon; 7, Rev. G. Thompson. Xmas Day. United Service. Wesley, 10.30 a.m.

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WAVERLEY, Bondi Junct.—11, Rev. F. J. Branch; 7, Mr. H. M. Hawkins. Xmas Choral Service. Soloist, Mrs. B. H. Organist, Mr. C. R. Evans.

Baptist.

ASHFIELD.—11 a.m., Rev. J. Leggatt; 7 p.m., Senator Watson. Anthems by choir.

BATHURST-ST. Baptist Church.—Pastor Coleman (late of Blackheath), 11 and 7.

BAPTIST CHURCH, Petersham.—11, "Words of Cheer for the Nation and the Church;" 7, Service. Rev. B. GAWTHROP. SPECIAL THANK OFFERING. All heartily welcome.

BURTON-STREET BAPTIST TABERNACLE. Rev. W. LAMB. 11, "The Unfailing God." 7.15, "THE SLOWNESS OF GOD." "THE WONDERFUL HAPPENINGS OF 1915 CONSIDERED IN THE LIGHT OF DIVINE PROPHECY." BAPTISMAL SERVICE. "The Angels at Mons," with all addresses at shops.

HARRIS-ST.—Rev. T. R. Coleman, 11 a.m., "Hail, Prince of Life"; 7.15, "Hail, Prince of Peace."

MOSMAN-CREMORNE JUNCTION.—Rev. T. E. ASHWORTH. CHRISTMAS SERVICES, 11 a.m. and 7.15 p.m.

WATCHNIGHT Service and Prayer Meeting on FRIDAY, 31st, 11 p.m.

NEWTOWN Baptist. 11 and 7, Farewell Services of Rev. G. Menzies: Farewell Soc., Wed., 29th, 8.

NORTH SYDNEY BAPTIST CHURCH. Willoughby road, Crow's Nest. Rev. D. Steed. Christmas Morning, 10 o'clock. Sunday, 11, Looking into the Mirror of Life. 7.15, The Last Sunday of a Great Year. (In Memoriam, Mr. John Waugh.)

PARTICULAR BAPTIST CHURCH, Belvoir-st.—Prayer, 10.30; Services, 11 and 7. Mr. Parker.

STRICT BAPTIST CHURCH, O.F. Temple, Nithsdale-st. Sabbath, 11 and 7; Thurs., 8 p.m. Mr. Harris.

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Church of Christ.

CITY TEMPLE, Campbell-st.—Mr. Harward, both services. Evening, ... What is your Life?

ENMORE TABERNACLE.—A. E. Illingworth, 11, "A Glorious Land"; 7, "A Glorious Hope."

PETERSHAM (Cannon-st).—11 and 7, Wm. Gale, Home Mission Organiser; 3, Bible School.

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Other Services, Etc.

AT UNITARIAN CHURCH, HYDE PARK. REV. GEORGE WALTERS. 11 a.m., The first Christmas Day, and this last. 7.15 p.m., THE KAISER'S XMAS VISION! "What! will the line stretch out to the crack of Doom?" (Macbeth).

A FREE PUBLIC LECTURE. SUNDAY, 7 p.m. SYDNEY CHRISTADELPHIAN ECCLESIA, 412 Elizabeth-street (near Devonshire-street). Subject: "Peace on Earth:" When?

CHRIST'S BRETHREN. Public Lecture, Sunday, 7 p.m., I.O.O.F. Temple, Elizabeth-st, opp. Mark Foy's. Subj., "Peace on Earth: How and When?"

CITY MISSION, Elizabeth-st, opp. Railway.—TO-MORROW, 7.30 p.m., Lantern Service. Illustrated Solos by Misses Stenning, Bonner, and Stiff.

CHRISTADELPHIAN (THE SYDNEY ECCLESIA). Regent Hall, Regent-street, SUNDAY, 7 p.m. Address by Mr. W. BROWN. Subj., "The Passing of the Kingdoms of the World."

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE. FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, SYDNEY. Services at Protestant Hall, Castlereagh-street, city. SUNDAYS, 11 a.m., 7.15 p.m. WEDNESDAYS, Testimony Meeting, 8 p.m. SUNDAY SCHOOL, Protestant Hall, 11 a.m. READING ROOM, Challis House, Martin-place, city.

DEUTSCHE KIRCHE, Goulburn-st, near Elizabeth-st. Gottesdienst, 11 Uhr vorm. Prediger, Pastor Scheuh.

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN, Sunday, 11 a.m., at Y.W.C.A., 187 Liverpool-st. All Wel. Rev. Graebner.

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION. Newtown Town Hall. SUNDAY: 3 p.m., Fellowship Meeting, 7 p.m., Mr. A. TOSH. The First Christmas.

NEW CHURCH (commonly called Swedenborgian), Thomas-street, Haymarket, Sunday, 11 a.m., Mr. J. W. Spencer, Children's Service.

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, at Concordia Hall, 148 Elizabeth-street, 7.15 p.m.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL (Charles Dickens), Mr. G. H. CHAPPEL. Chatswood Lodge, 7.30 p.m. Masi Victim or Victor of Circumstances. Mr. J. COHEN.

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The Annual Thanksgiving Service will be held TO-DAY, at 10.30.

The Public are most cordially welcomed.

CHURCH SERVICES.

THE SALVATION ARMY CONGRESS HALL, Goulburn-street. Preacher, Colonel Birkenshaw. 11 a.m. and 7.15 p.m. Subject matter, "The Pearl of Great Price," "The Patience of God." Special Xmas Music by C. H. Band.

THE TRUTH CENTRE AND CHURCH UNIVERSAL (centre of the New Thought Movement in Australasia). Vent Cooper Mathieson, Vice-Pres., International New Thought Alliance, for N.S.W., Lecturer. Sunday, 7.15 p.m., Higher Thought Lecture: "The Immaculate Conception in the Light of New Thought." Wednesday, 8 p.m., Health Lecture. Freewill Offerings. A warm welcome to everyone. Coming in January: Dr. Julia Seton, New Thought Lecturer, Teacher and Healer, of London and New York. Full details later. Come and learn the New Science of Life. Lecture Hall, I.O.O.F. Temple, 140 Eliz.-st, Syd.

THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST.

SPECIAL SERMONS, SUNDAY, DEC. 26, 1915.

ANGLICAN.—St. Alban's, Belmore: Evg., "The Coming of the King." Rev. A. R. Shaw. All Souls, Leichhardt: Mng., Evg., Special references to Christ's Return. Rev. H. G. J. Howe.

CONGREGATIONAL.—Newtown: Mng., "Thy King Cometh." Rev. J. J. Willings.

PRESBYTERIAN.—Ashfield: Evg., "Our Position and Prospect." Rev. W. Michael Smith, M.A. Waverley: Evg., "The Signs of the Times." Rev. J. Macaulay, M.A.

BAPTIST.—Auburn: Evg., "The Far-spent Night and the Dawn of Day." Rev. S. Sharp. Balmain: Evg., "The Fact and Nearness of His Coming," Rev. R. J. Middleton. Burwood: Evg., "The Seven Vials," Rev., 14 ch. Rev. R. Goodman. Burton-street Tabernacle: Mng., "The Slowness of God." Evg., "The Marvellous Events of 1915, Considered in the Light of Divine Prophecy," Rev. W. Lamb. Granville: Evg., "The Two Comings," Rev. H. Halmarick. Harris-st: Mng., "Hail, Prince of Life!" Evg., "Hail, Prince of Peace." Rev. T. R. Coleman. Newtown: Evg., "The Blessed Hope." Rev. G. Menzies. Stanmore: Evg., "The Second Coming—Its practical value," Rev. C. J. Tinsley. Waverley: Evg., "Behold, I Come Quickly." Rev. J. D. Mill.

METHODIST.—Willoughby: "Jesus Christ, Saviour and Coming King." Rev. J. S. Austin.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST.—Belmore: Evg., "The Fact and Significance of our Lord's Return," Mr. Arthur E. Forbes. Enmore Tabernacle: Evg., "A Glorious Hope," Mr. A. E. Illingworth.

OTHER SERVICES.—School of Arts, Haberfield: Evg., "Every eye shall see Him." Mr. H. Alexander. Victoria Hall, Burwood: Evg., "In such an hour as ye think not," Mr. R. Hickson. Gospel Union Hall, Commonwealth and Reservoir streets, Sydney: Evg., "Christ's Coming in relation to the Church and the World." Mr. G. E. Ardill.

The following Ministers are in entire sympathy with the Teaching, and have recently delivered Special Sermons, dealing with the Return of Lord Jesus: Anglican: Newtown, Rev. H. S. Begbie; Leichhardt, Rev. H. G. J. Howe, Rev. M. A. Lloyd; St. Barnabas, Canon Charlton. Church of Christ: City Temple, Mr. H. G. Harward; Paddington, Mr. F. Collins; North Sydney, Mr. H. G. Payne.

G. E. ARDILL, Convener.

YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, 183 Castlereagh-street. Sunday Service, 4.30 p.m., Speaker, Rev. R. B. S. Hammond. All girls and young women cordially invited. Boxing Night.—Party for lonely girls at Castlereagh street Hall, 7.30.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, 325-327 Pitt-street. Sunday, 3.15 p.m., Song Service; 3.45 p.m., Address by Rev. A. S. C. James, of the Fullerton Memorial Presbyterian Church. Thursday Next, 1.30 p.m. to 1.50 p.m., Men's Service.

RELIGIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS.

AT 2 Railway-av, Stanmore, near Bedford-st, Newtown, Spiritual Service, 7.15. Spkr., Mr. Hanlin.

AT LEIGH HOUSE, Every Sunday, 11 a.m., British Spiritualistic Lyceum, Sydney Branch. Welcome to Mrs. E. Hegarty (Melbourne).

AT 90 Stanmore-road, Enmore term.—Spiritualistic Mission, Sunday, 3 and 7.15, Mrs. MORRELL, Lecturer and Demonstrator. Weekdays' Meeting, Thursday, 8. Also Classes.

AT LEIGH HOUSE, Castlereagh-st.—Spiritualistic Services at 3.15. Public Circle, 7.15, lecture by leaders. England ready to maintain her position as Central Star of Peace. Circle, Mon. and Thurs. Seance at 8, Wed., Class, 8.

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AT 367 Glebe-road, Glebe Point. Special Musical Service, Sunday, 7.30 p.m. Address: "Jesus the Man, Christ the Divine." Mrs. Pedley (Sita Beal). Monday, 8 p.m., and Wednesday, 2 and 8 p.m. Classes. Higher Spiritual Thought, Thursday, 8 p.m., Meeting. Leave tram Toxteth-road.

AT I.O.O.F. TEMPLE, Elizabeth-street, opp. Foy's. The Psychic Research Society of Australia holds Spiritual Meeting every Sunday, at 7.15 p.m. Trance Address by Mr. Luke, "Christmas: what it means to the Spiritualist." Demonstrations by Mr. Luke and Mrs. Hartley, Vocal and Instrumental Music. Wednesday, 8 p.m., Demonstrations by Mrs. Hartley, ground floor. Mr. Luke, Mondays only. Kara Kara, Barker-street, off Peruse-road, Randwick.

AT THE SCHOOL OF ARTS, SUNDAY, "CHURCH OF SEERS." 3.15 p.m.: Materialisation explained, M. A. J. Bush. Welcome to Mrs. E. Hegarty (Melbourne). 7.15 p.m., Continuation Address, "RANA-SUSANA," "LIVING INTO GOD." N.B.—Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge hold Spiritual Meetings, Tuesday and Saturday, 8 p.m., 28 Flinders-street, Darlinghurst.

FULL GOSPEL MISSION, North Sydney.—Holiday Conventions at Longueville Tram Terminus. MONDAY, 27th Dec., and SATURDAY, 1st Jan. Sessions at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Leader, Mr. E. H. SWAN. Come and spend these days with us. All welcome. Hot water provided.

JESUS, the Christ, heals to-day. Prayer for sick, lame, 2.30, 7 p.m., Brown's Assembly R., Lidcombe.

KATOOMBA CONVENTION. The Annual Convention will be held in the grounds of KHANDALA, at foot of Katoomba-street, from MONDAY to FRIDAY, January 10th to 14th, 1916.

SESSIONS: Afternoons, 2.30; Evenings, 7.30.

The Convention is inter-denominational and Evangelical in character, and a hearty invitation is given to attend.

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MRS. JOYCE, Spiritual Services, Sund., 7.30 p.m., Wed., 8 p.m. 2 Strickland-bldgs., Dale-st, Chapel-st.

RANA-SUSANA, at School of Arts, Sunday, 7.15 p.m. Second Address preparatory to Course of Lectures beginning JANUARY 16.

SPIRITUAL Scientists.—No meeting on Sunday evening, will resume Sunday next. Order of President.

SPIRITUAL Meeting, Sunday, 7.15. 8 Wilson-st, upstairs. Tuesday and Thursday evenings. E. Russ.

SPIRITUALISM.—Hydesville, Addison-rd (alight tram Johnst), 7.15, special singing, recitations, Collec.

SPIRITUALISTS' CHURCH, Rochford-st, Erskineville, Sunday, 3 p.m., night at 7.30, Memorial Service for Mr. Baxter and Alice Lewis, niece of Mrs. McFadyen. All welcome. Mr. HEANEY and Mr. SWINTON.

SPIRITUALIST NATIONAL UNION, Auburn Town Hall (upstairs), 7.15 p.m. Speakers, Local Workers. Burwood School of Arts, 7.15 p.m. Speakers, Mr. Dodson and Mr. Sherlock. Oakley Hall Spiritualist Society, Wardell-road, 3.15 p.m. Speaker, Mrs. Kitty Hayes.

THE RETURN OF THE LORD JESUS. ALL-DAY CONFERENCE, BOXING DAY, Dec. 27, GOSPEL UNION HALL, Commonwealth and Reservoir sts, off Elizabeth-st, near Central Station. SESSIONS: 11 till 1; 2.30 till 5.30; 7 till 9.40. SPEAKERS: Revs. H. S. Begbie, W. Michael Smith, M.A., J. D. Mill, J. S. Austin, T. M'Ilroy, Dr. Thomas Porter, Messrs. J. S. Garden, R. Hickson, H. Alexander, J. R. Youdale. LUNCHEON and TEA provided at small cost. BRING A BIBLE. All cordially invited. Collection for expenses. G. E. ARDILL, Convener.

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CANARY.—Lost, Canary. Person returning to Kerr, Arthur-st, Randwick, rewarded.

GOLD Flexible BRACELET LOST, Thursday night, in Shadforth or Raglan street, Mosman. Reward. 73 Shadforth-street, Mosman.

LOST, ENVELOPE containing photos, either Musgrave-street Wharf or Mosman boat, on 22nd; reward if returned to Chief Traffic Officer, Sydney Ferries.

LOST, in Manly, bet. Crescent-st, tram, or in tram Spit line, DIAMOND BANGLE, chain broken. Reward on returning to 24 Crescent-street, Manly.

LOST, nr. Woolwich Jetty, HAIR COMB, 3 teeth; reward. 'Phone, Nth. Sydney 977.

LOST, Lady's H. BAG, contg. money, jewellery, bankbook; rew. Chestnut, Cambridge-st, Penshurst.

LOST or Strayed, from 6 Wharf-rd, Balmain, Collie DOG. Reward at above address.

LOST, Silk BLOUSE, betw. Quay and Fitzroy-st; reward. 24 Winslow-st, Milson's Point.

LOST, 3-diamond Ring, in York, Market, or Pitt sts. Good reward on returning to 14 Wilton-street, Surry Hills.

LOST, Gold Brooch, Opal heart, Rockdale, Arncliffe. Reward. Mrs. Godfrey, Sackville-st, Bexley.

LOST, betw. L'hardt, R'way, and Annandale, Gent.'s Opal RING; reward. 247 Nelson-st, Annandale.

LOST, two pairs Spectacles, in vic. of Newtown Bdge. R. and on returning to 42 Metropolitan-rd, Enm.

LOST, Reward, Amethyst Brooch, large single stone, claw setting, between Rushcutter Bay and Edgecliff, N.S., Thurs. Capper, Quambi, N.S. N.S. 292.

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LOST, Market-st, Pearl and Amethyst Brooch. Reward. Bell, 16 Pitt-st, Redfern. Keepsake.

LOST, between Pymble and Redfern, 5-stone Diamond Ring. Reward on returning to C. CLIFTON, 27 Chelsea-street, Redfern.

LOST, Turramurra Station, Black Umbrella, silver &c. Reward Miss Teece, Strathalla, Turramurra.

LEFT, Ryde tram, Panama Hat and Trimmings. Reward. Annar, Cambridge-st, Gladesville.

LOST, a Gold Neck Ring, J.T. in diamonds. Reward. Apply Raglan, Sydney-st, Randwick.

LOST, between Nat. Lewis and city, gold Chain Coin Bracelet; keepsake. Reward on returning to 26 Foveaux-street, city, near Railway.

LOST, between Neutral Bay and Quay, Oxidised Silver PURSE and Sovereign-case, blue centre; liberal reward. KIORA, Ocean-st, Woollahra.

LOST, Gold Bar BROOCH, 24th, between Post Office, Railway, Hunter-street. Reward. COWPER, 17 Bond-street.

LOST, yesterday, Lady's Gold Wristlet WATCH, name on back, between city Town Hall and Chester-street. Handsome reward. B. LANE, 56 Avenue-road, Mosman. 'Phone, Y1629, Mosman.

LOST, GOLD BOW BROOCH, one diamond, Lady. Substantial reward, Wednesday, HENRY GORMAN, Hardie and Gorman.

LOST by passenger from Niagara on Saturday, No. 6, Darling-street, Prince [illegible] Bath Robe, and Tennis Shoes, in a Black [illegible] Wrap. Reward offered. Apply Premier [illegible] Eldon-chambers, 92 Pitt-street.

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